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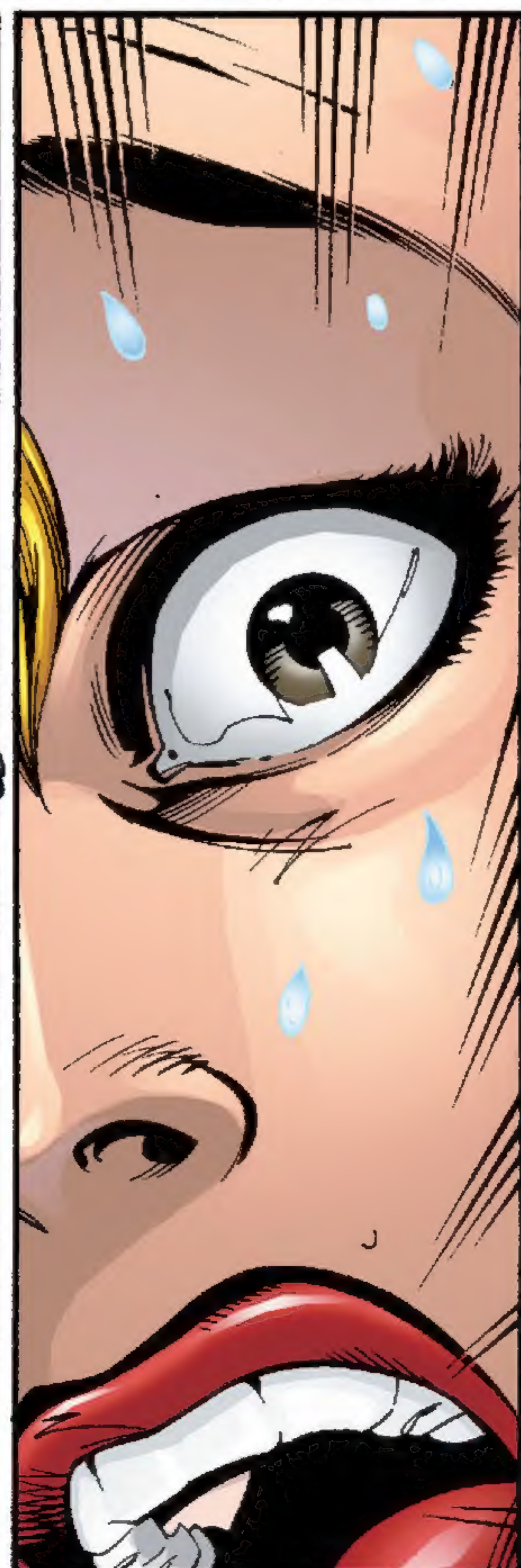
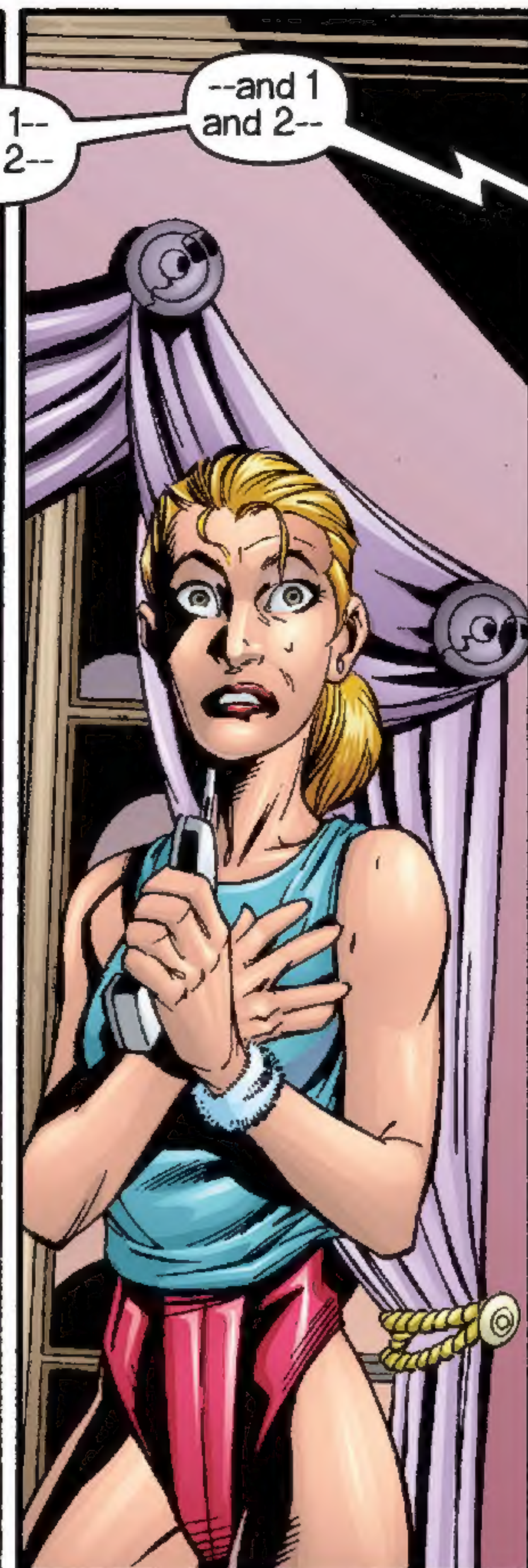
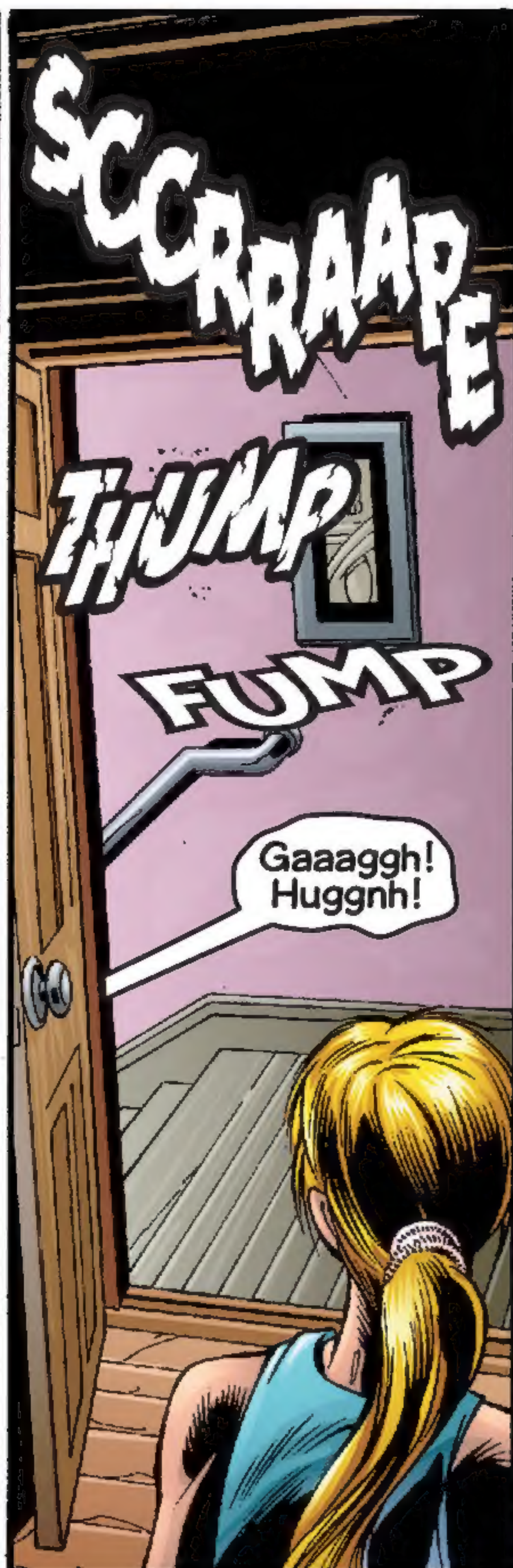
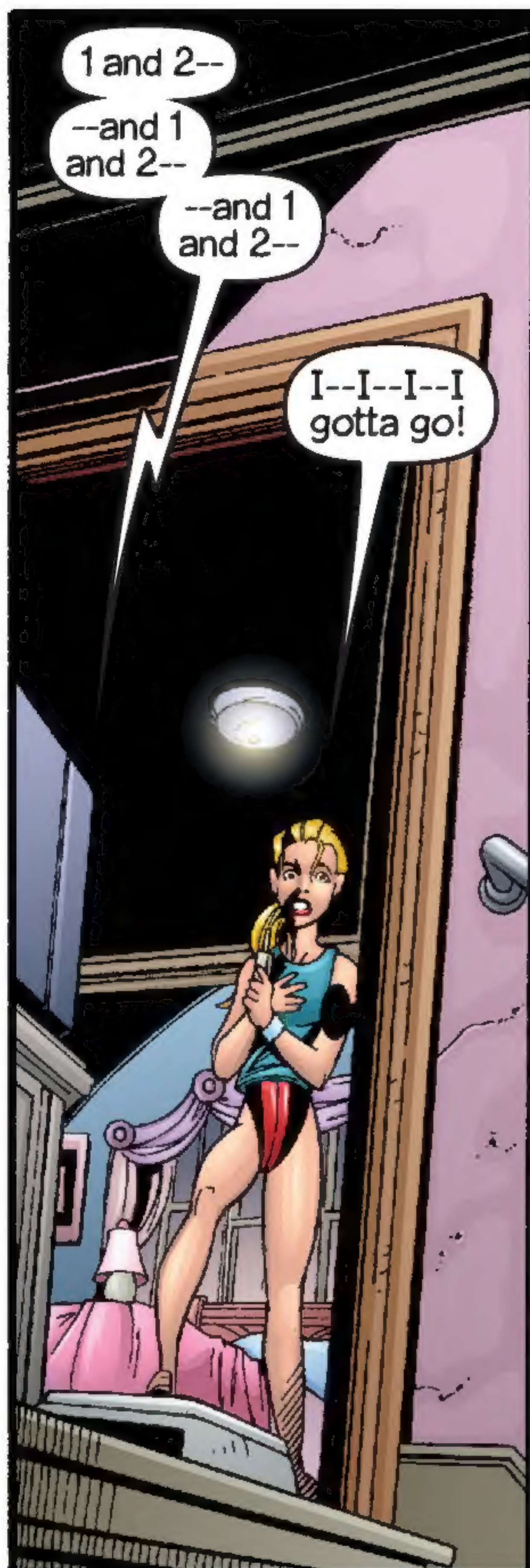




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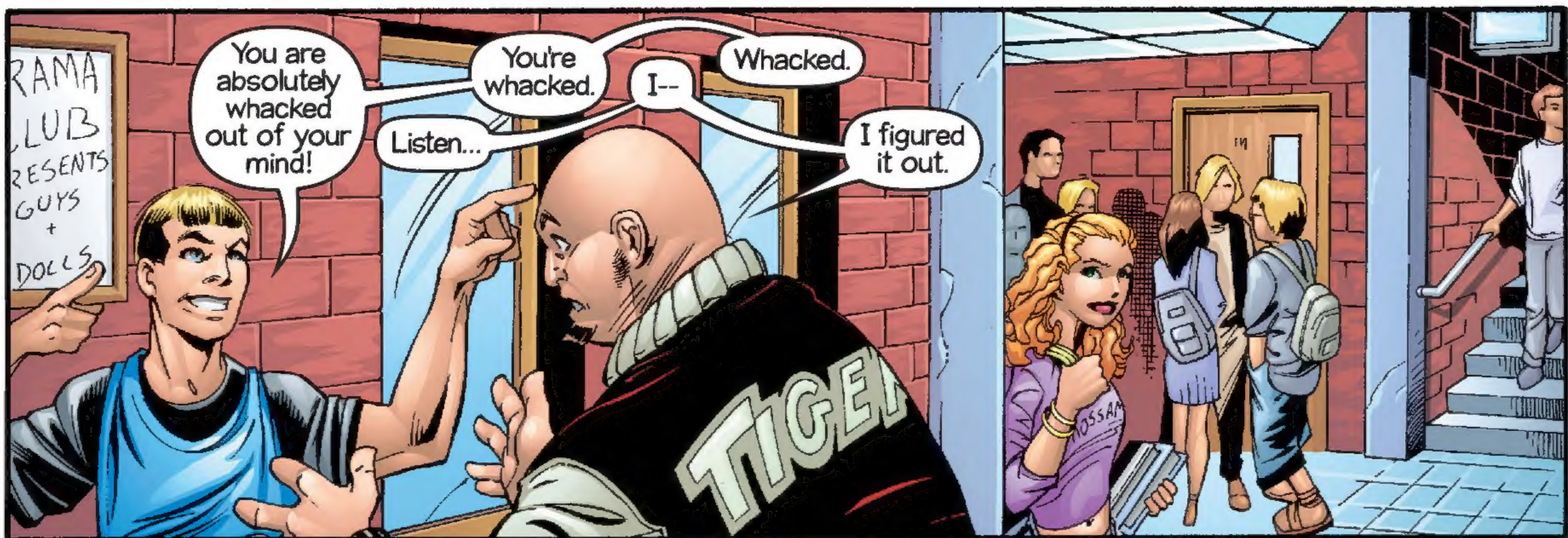
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Peter Parker
is Spider-Man.





You are absolutely whacked out of your mind!

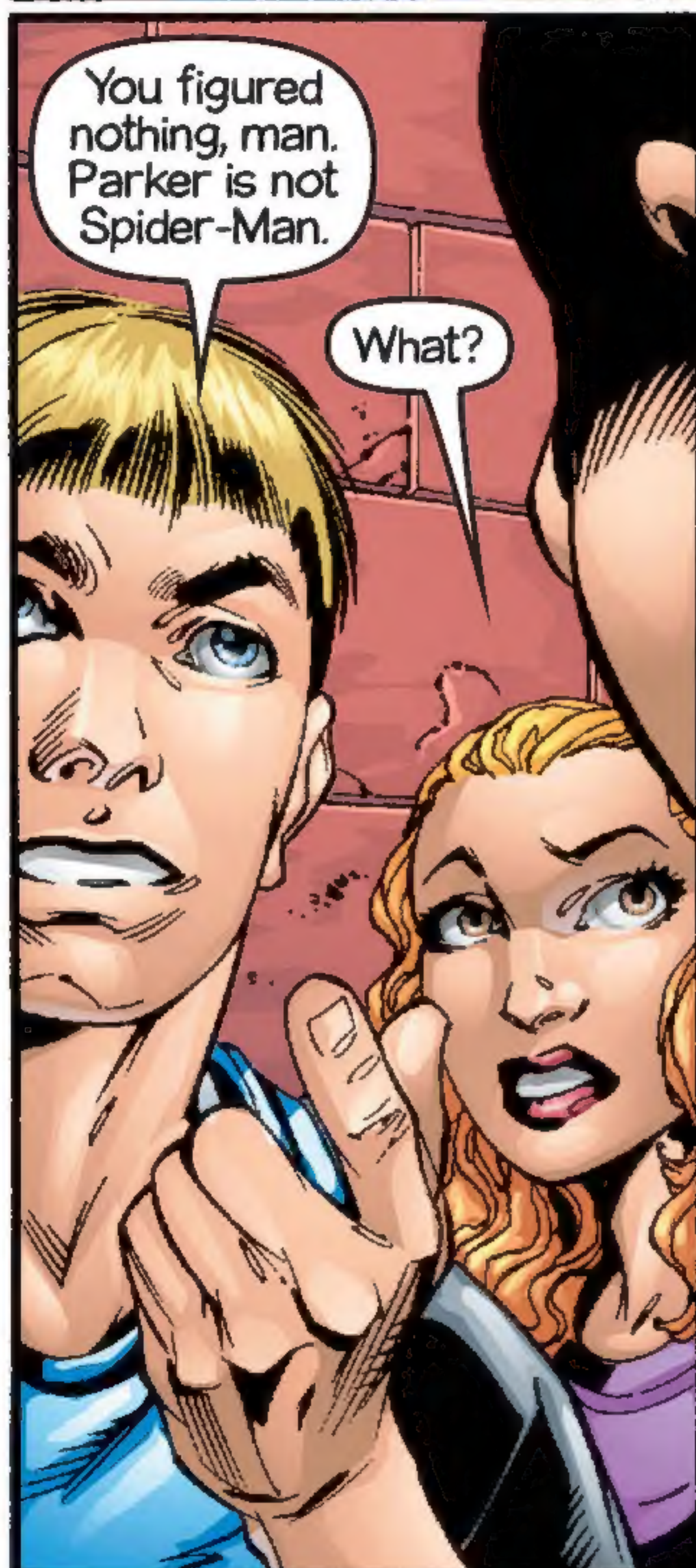
You're whacked.

Whacked.

I figured it out.

Listen...

I--



You figured nothing, man. Parker is not Spider-Man.

What?



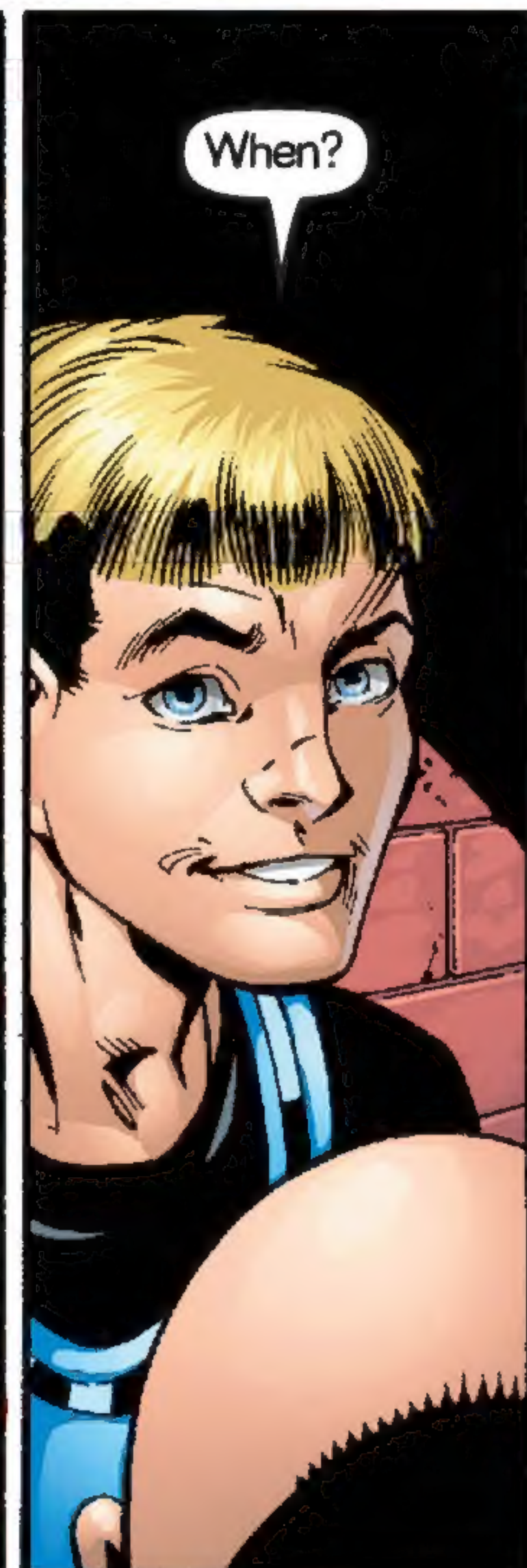
Kong thinks Parker is Spider-Man.

You are nuts.

Nuts.

Shut up for a second.

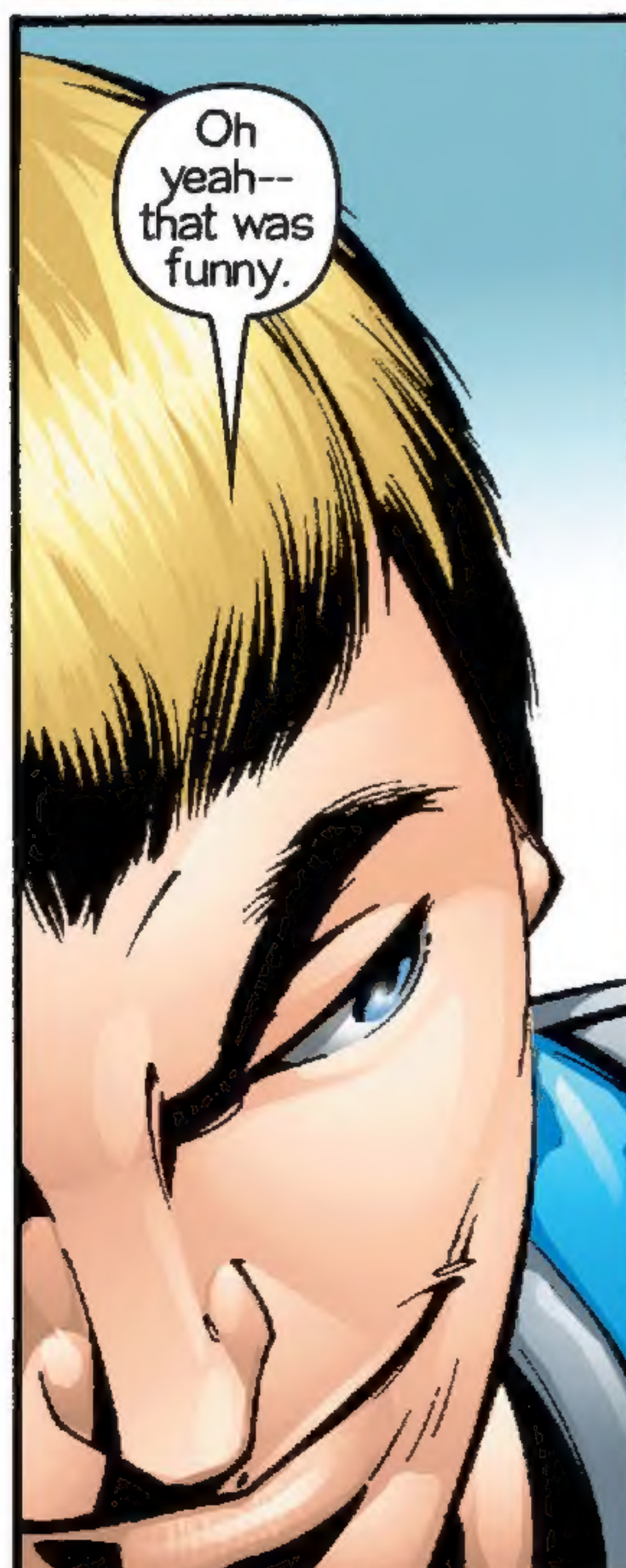
Remember-- Remember when the dude got bit by that spider?



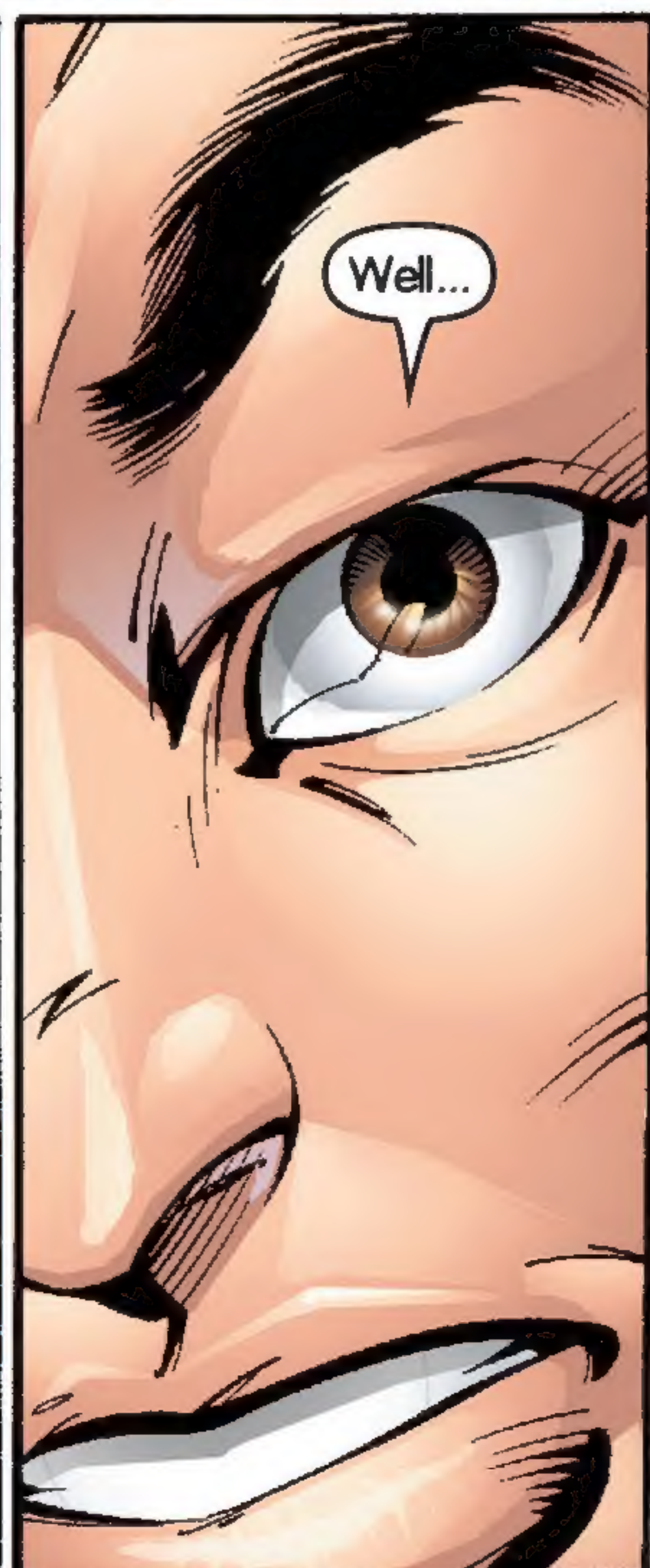
When?



On that field trip, last semester.



Oh yeah-- that was funny.



Well...



Well, what?



He's Spider-Man.



How does that make him Spider-Man?

Yo! The spider bit him.



See this?

This is a frickin' bee bite I got on Saturday.

Yeah?

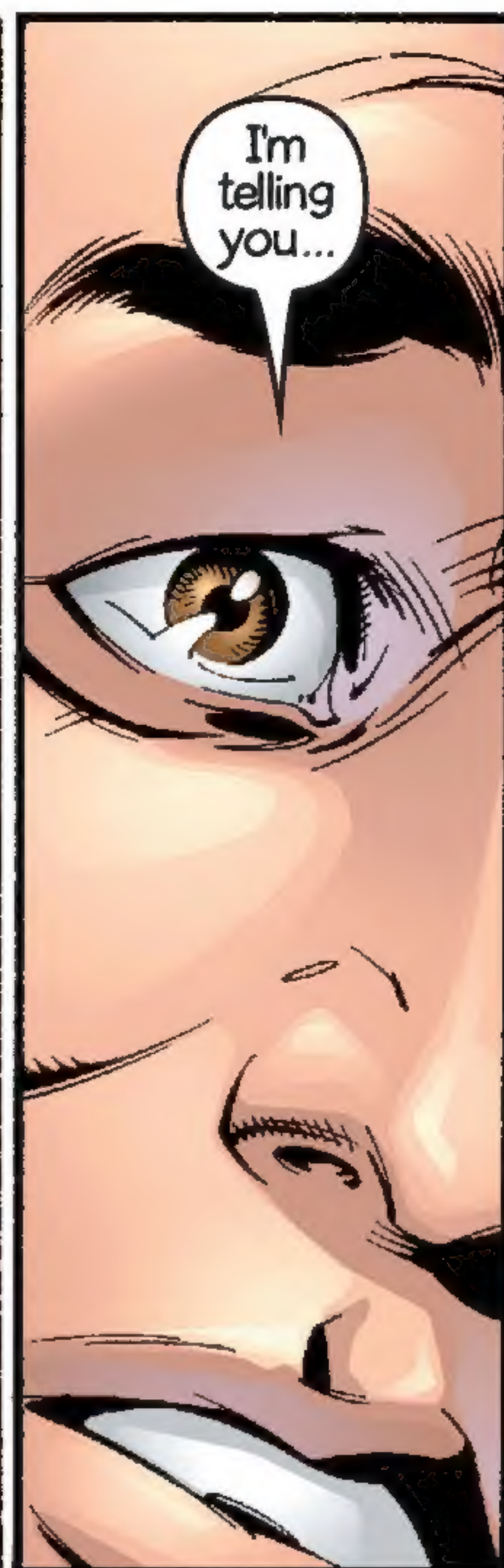


And I'm not Bee-Man!!

I didn't get any kind of Super Mutant Powers.

That is not--

You know what? You're nuts.



I'm telling you...



Look at him.

Look. Spider-Man is like six feet tall.

We all saw him. That is not Spider-Man.

Yeah, man, you are really being silly.



Then how do you explain those desks he broke?



He's -- A-- Spaz!

He lit the lab on fire once.

Doesn't make him the Human Torch.

That's true.

Or... does it? Ha!

Remember that--he lost his eyebrows. Ha Ha. He looked like a Star Trek Alien.



And-- and what about all of a sudden he can play basketball so good?

Dude-- He wasn't that good.

Yes, he was.

Says you.

He was.



You're the only one who thinks so, man...

...and even if he was, like, Michael Jordan out there, which he was so not--

--he wasn't flying around the court on his webs and stuff.

I don't see how you can even think this...

Dude...

I play great B-ball.

Do you think I'm, like, a Mutant too?



Oh! Hey--

What about when he flipped me over? Right here in the hall.

Remember? I went to drop-kick him and he whipped around and flipped me.



Oh, oh--

--this is what this is about.

You got dissed.

Dude, he got a lucky shot in.

Did the same to me that one time.



Yeah--he broke your hand.

Dude, I hit him wrong.

You're absolutely nuts. Nuts!!

Yeah--I don't see it.



How could you not see it??!!

Come on!! It's so obvious!

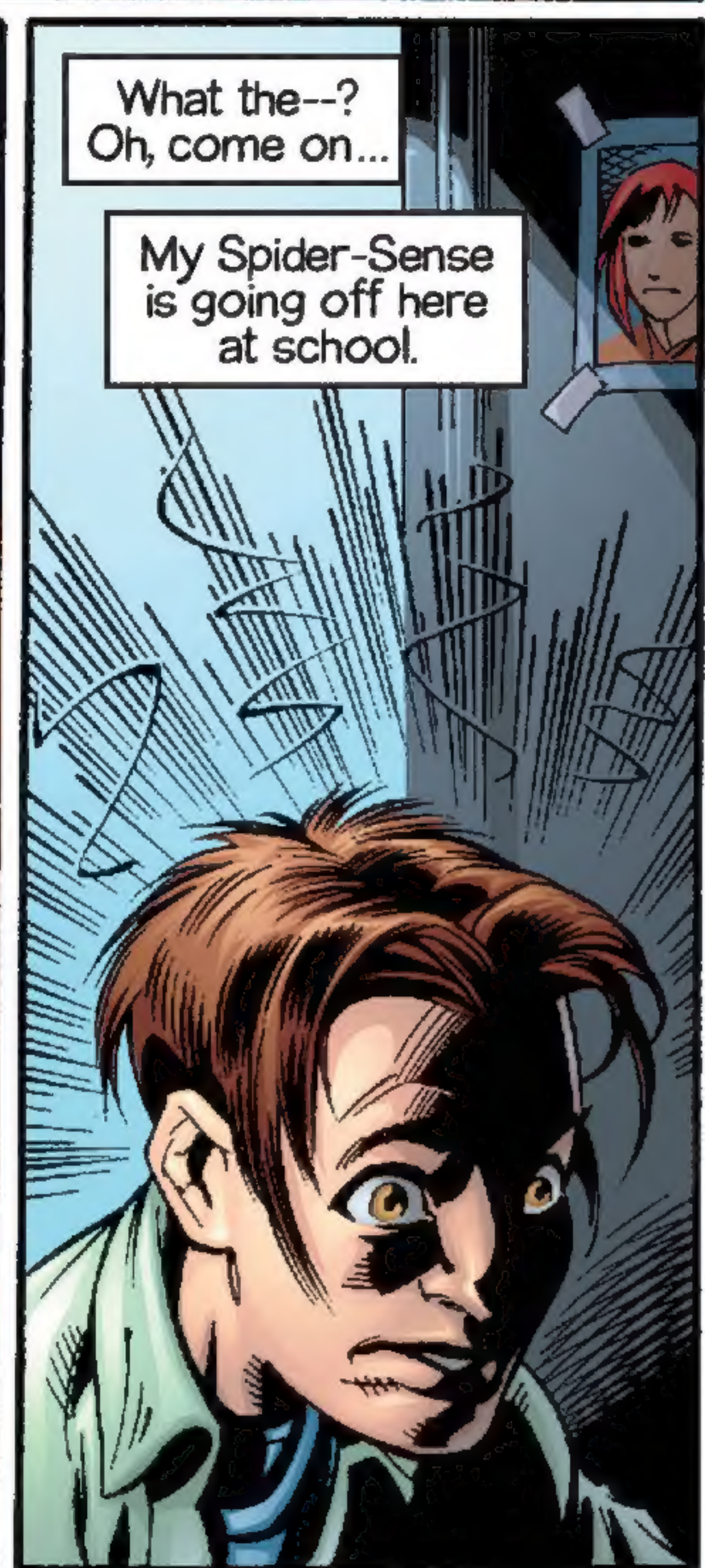
Again--to you.

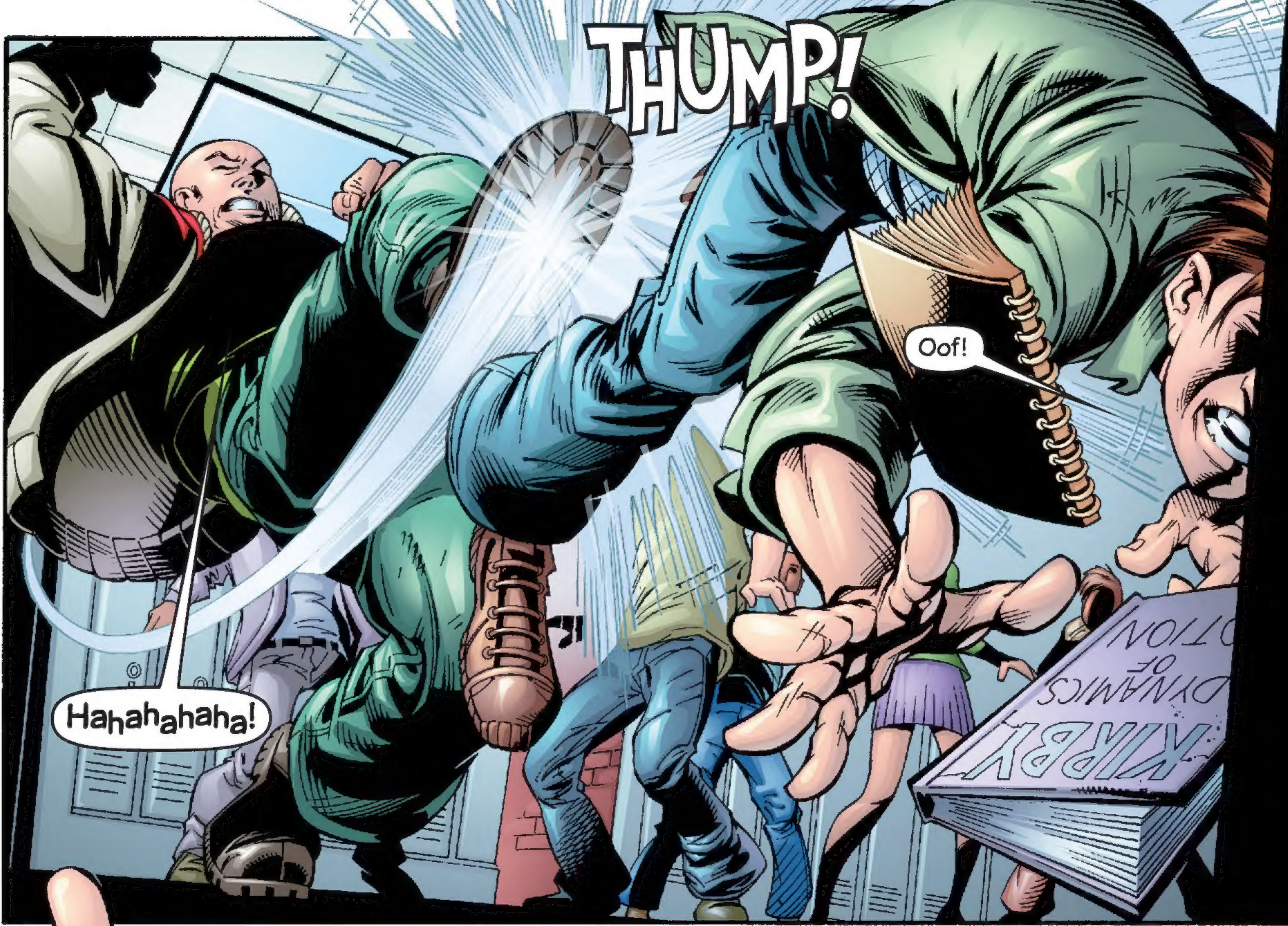
I don't see it at all.

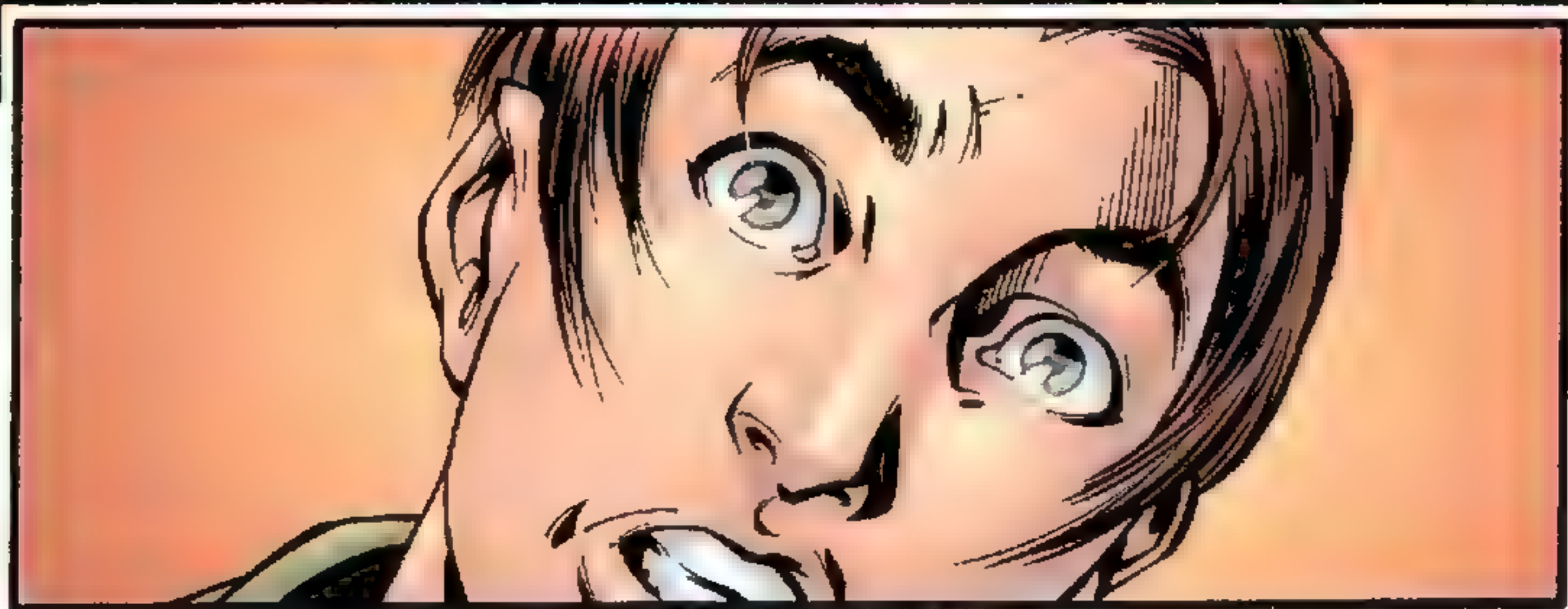
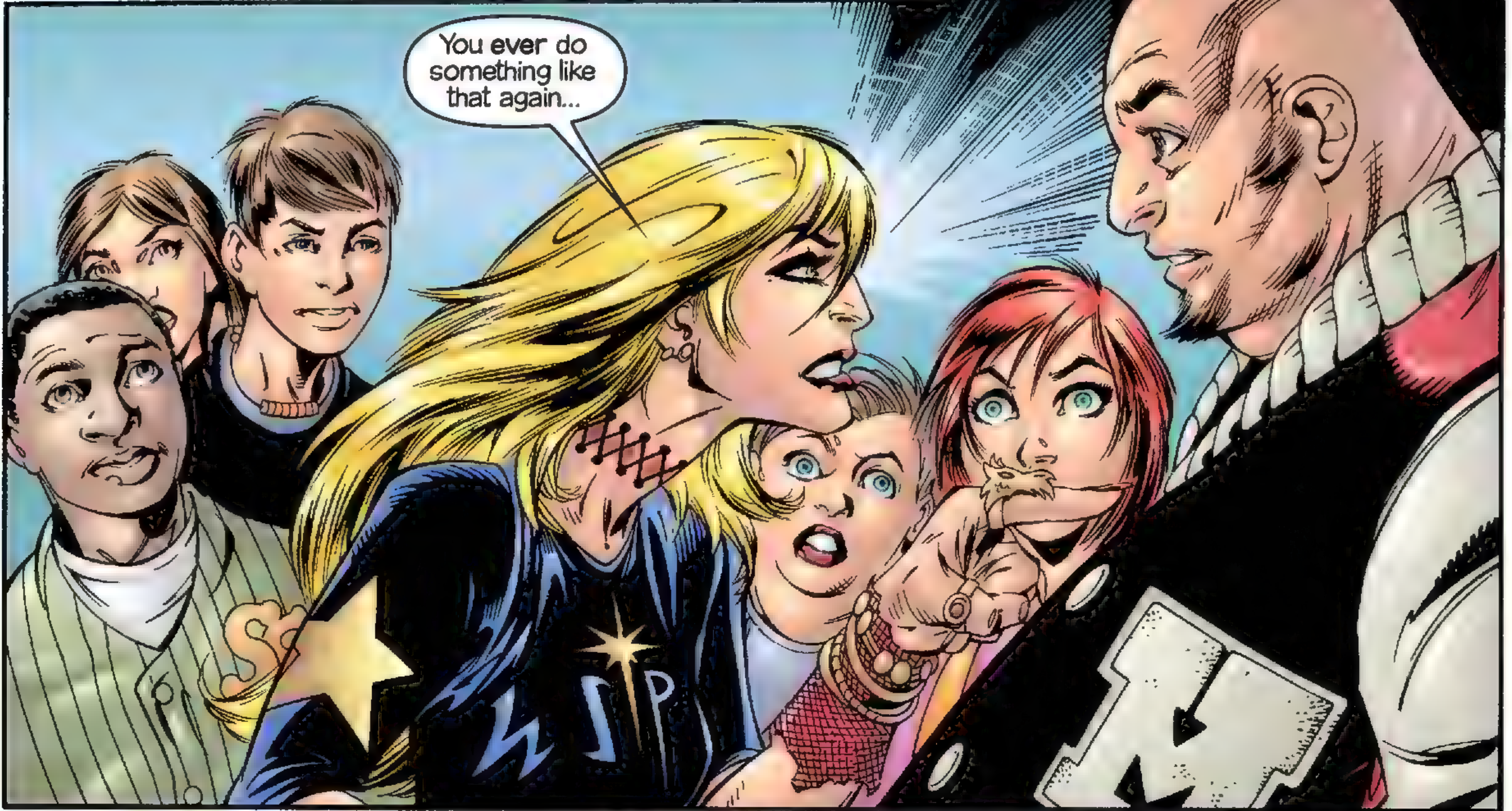
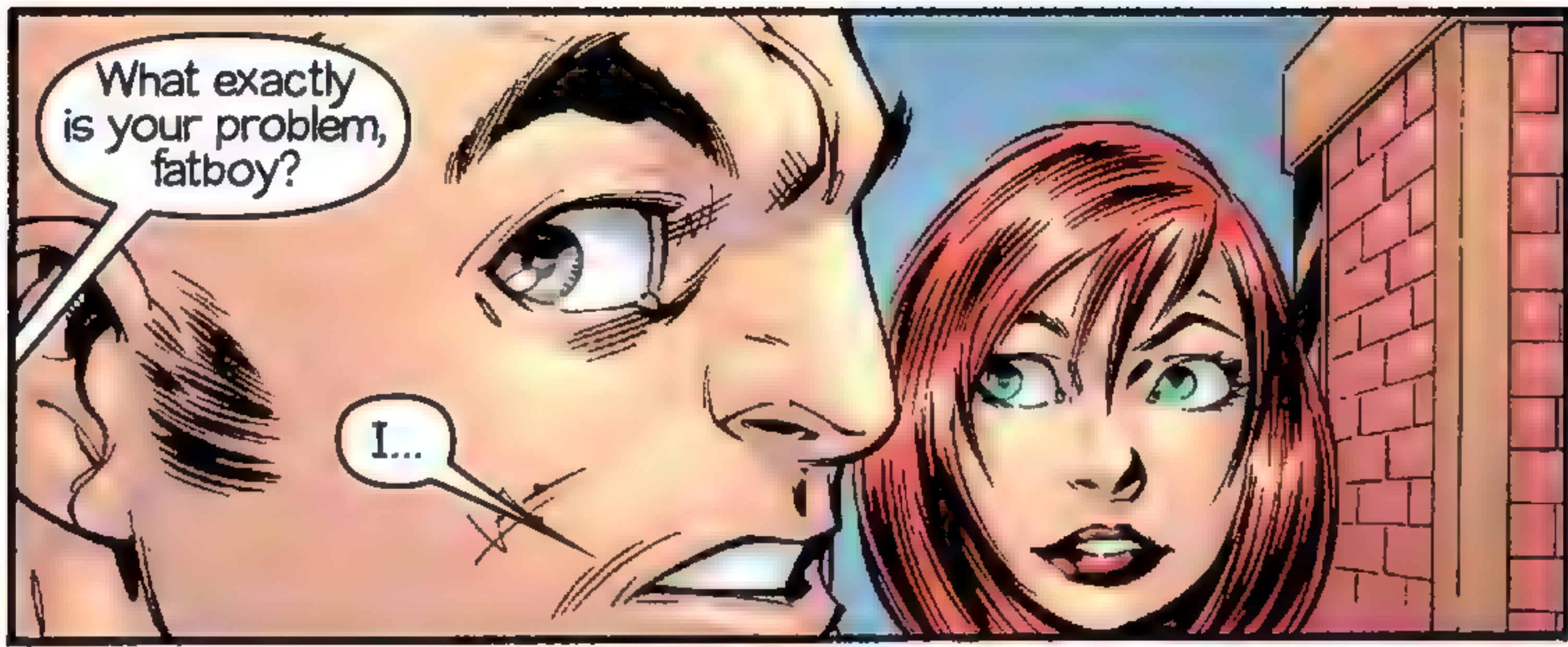
You guys are so jake it--

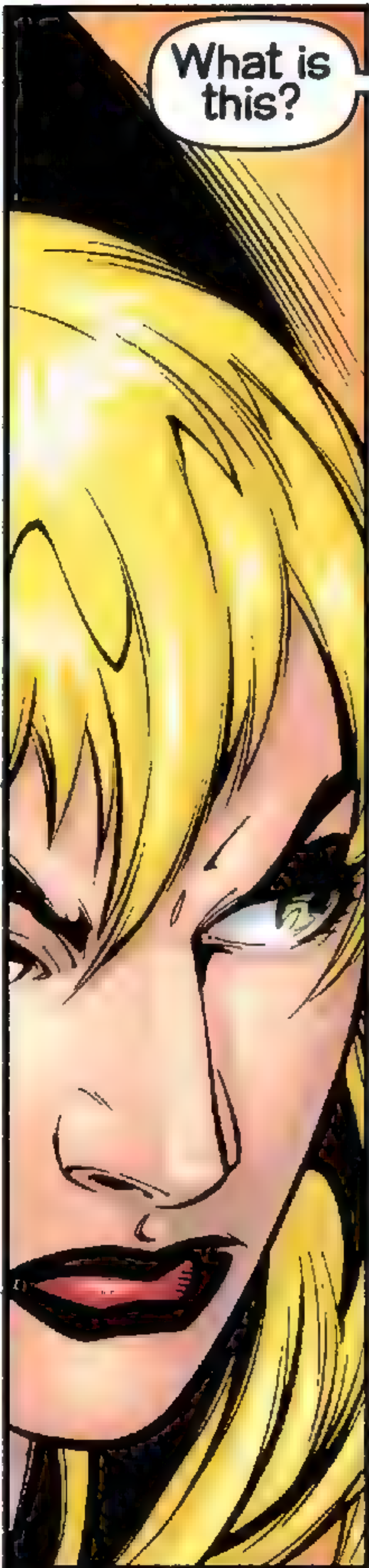
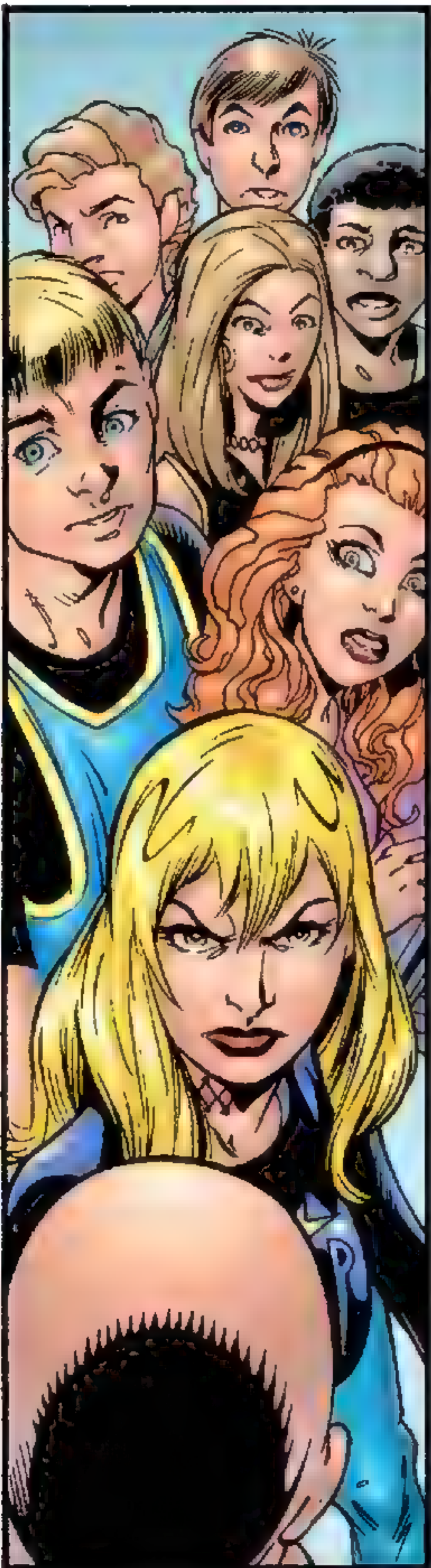
Well, there he is.

Go ask him.









What is this?



Why don't you kids ever learn to leave well enough a--?



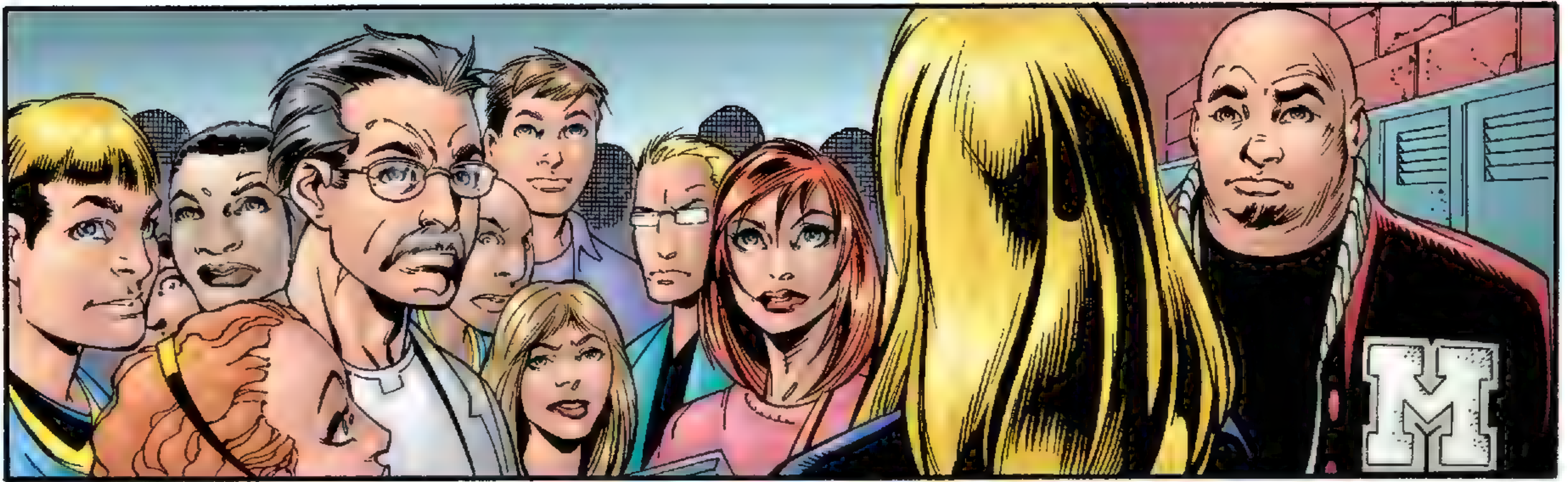
CLANG!



And what is this, now?

Huh?

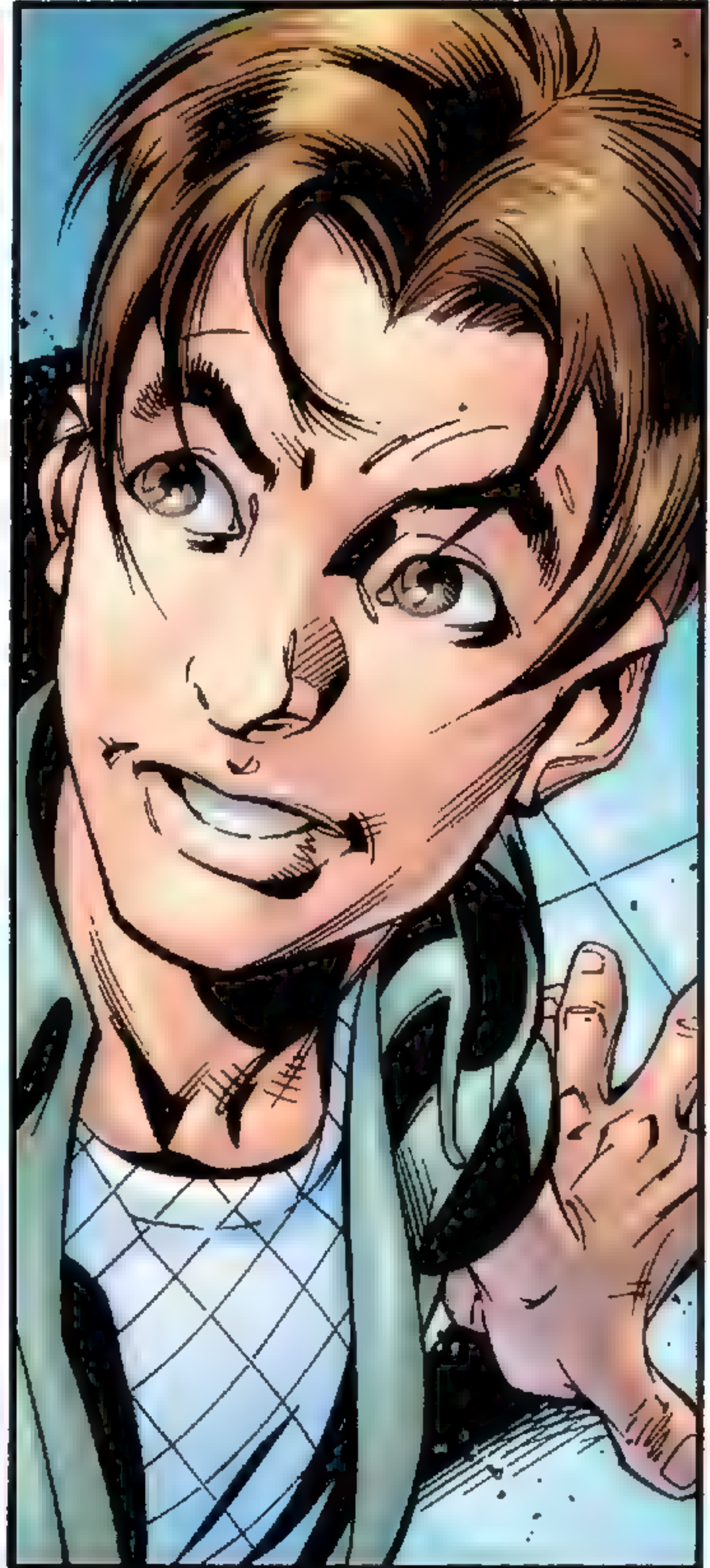
What is this?



Stacy--

--great way to start at your new school.

Second day here.



Captain Stacy?

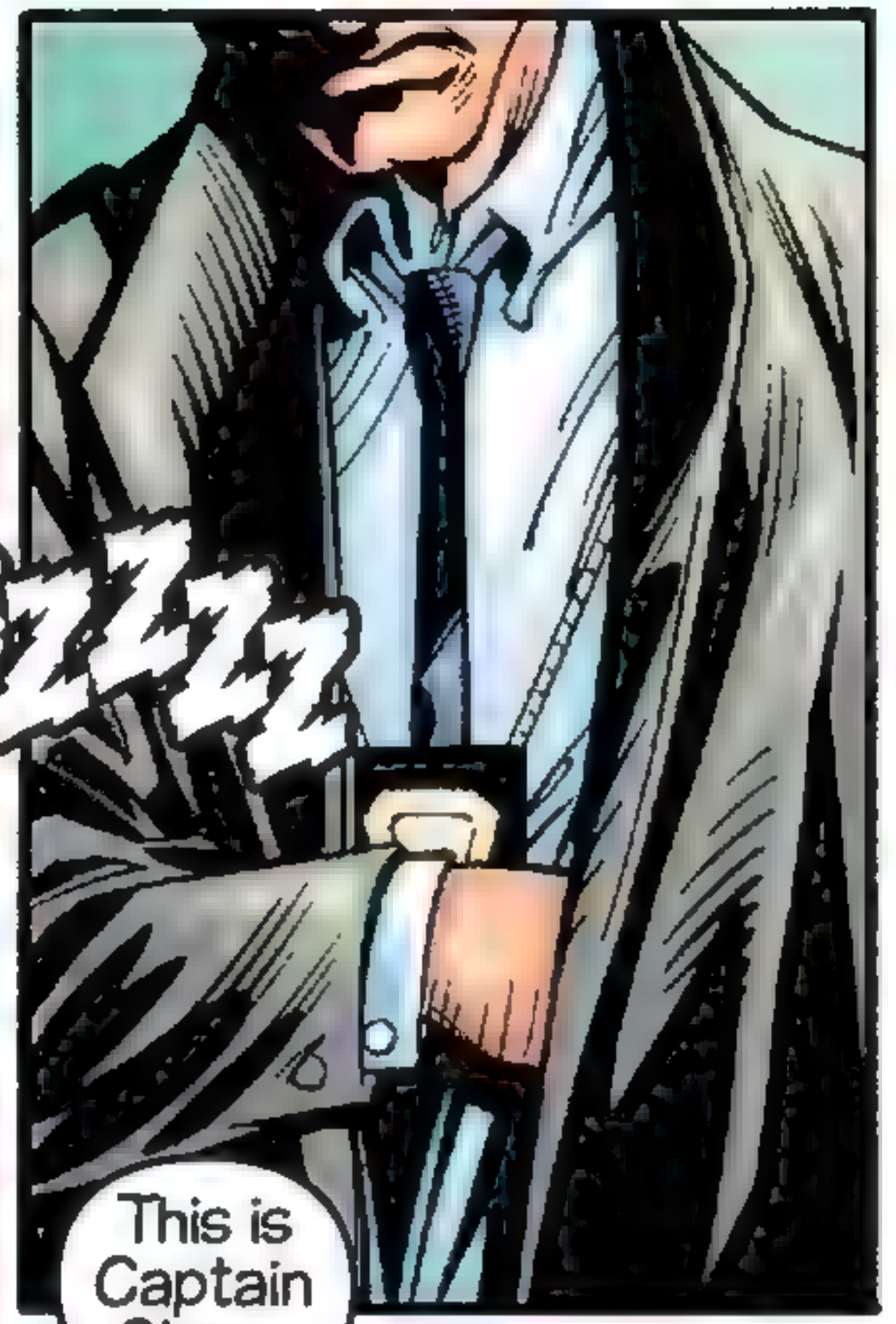


Captain Stacy?

Captain...

Not now.

Not. Now.



This is Captain Stacy.

What?

She what?

Did you call her mother?

Because I'm...



Well, this really-- yes.

But there's really nothing I can do at the moment.

I'm at a crime scene that--

What did she do this time?

She what?

Lord.



No.

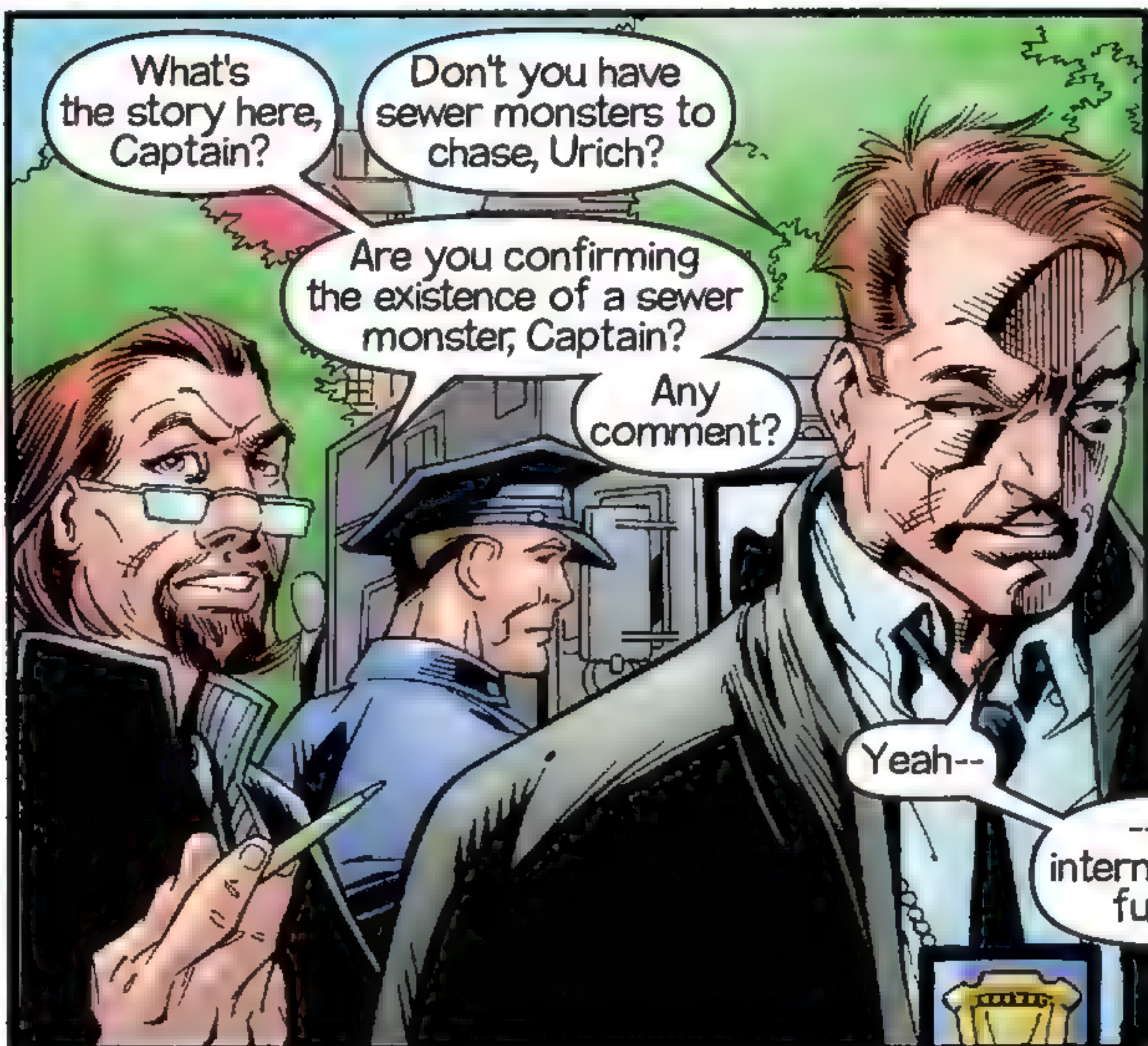
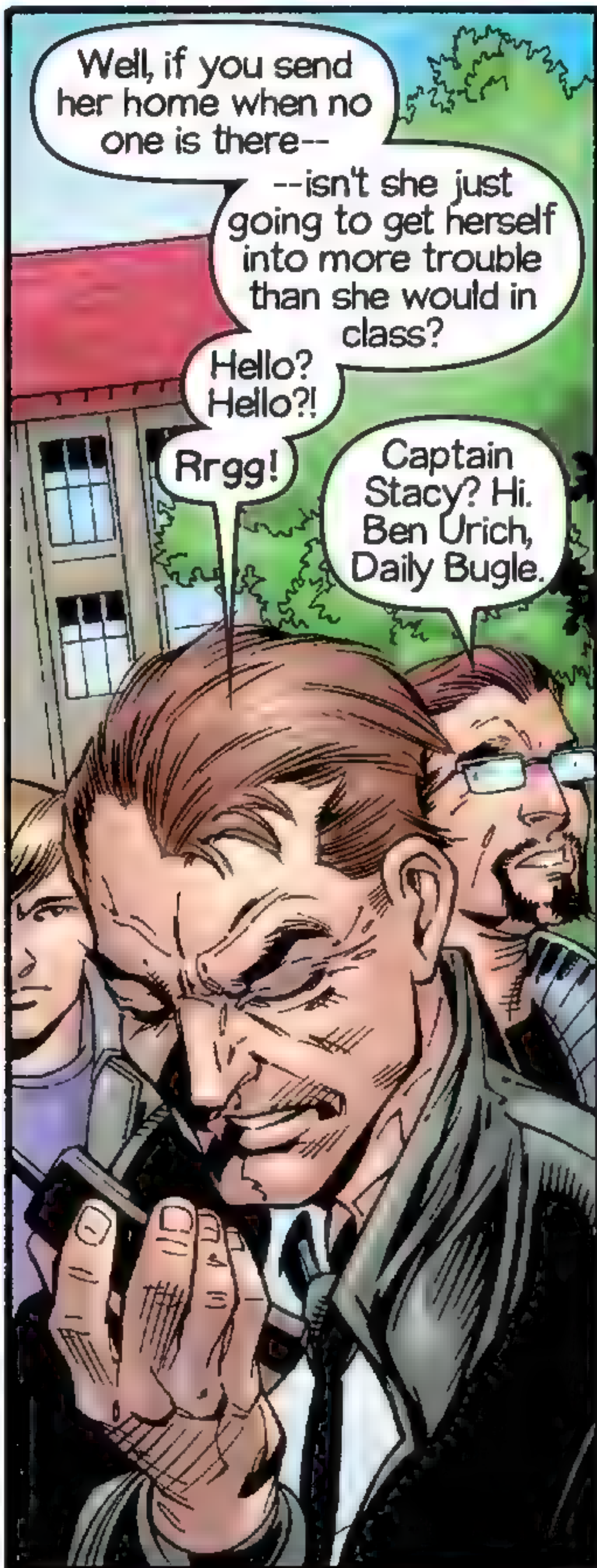
No-- no I didn't know she had a knife and--

No, I certainly wouldn't have known she was bringing one to school.



Well, no offense, Principal, but I just think your tone is a little accusatory.

Especially since you are talking to a Police Captain.

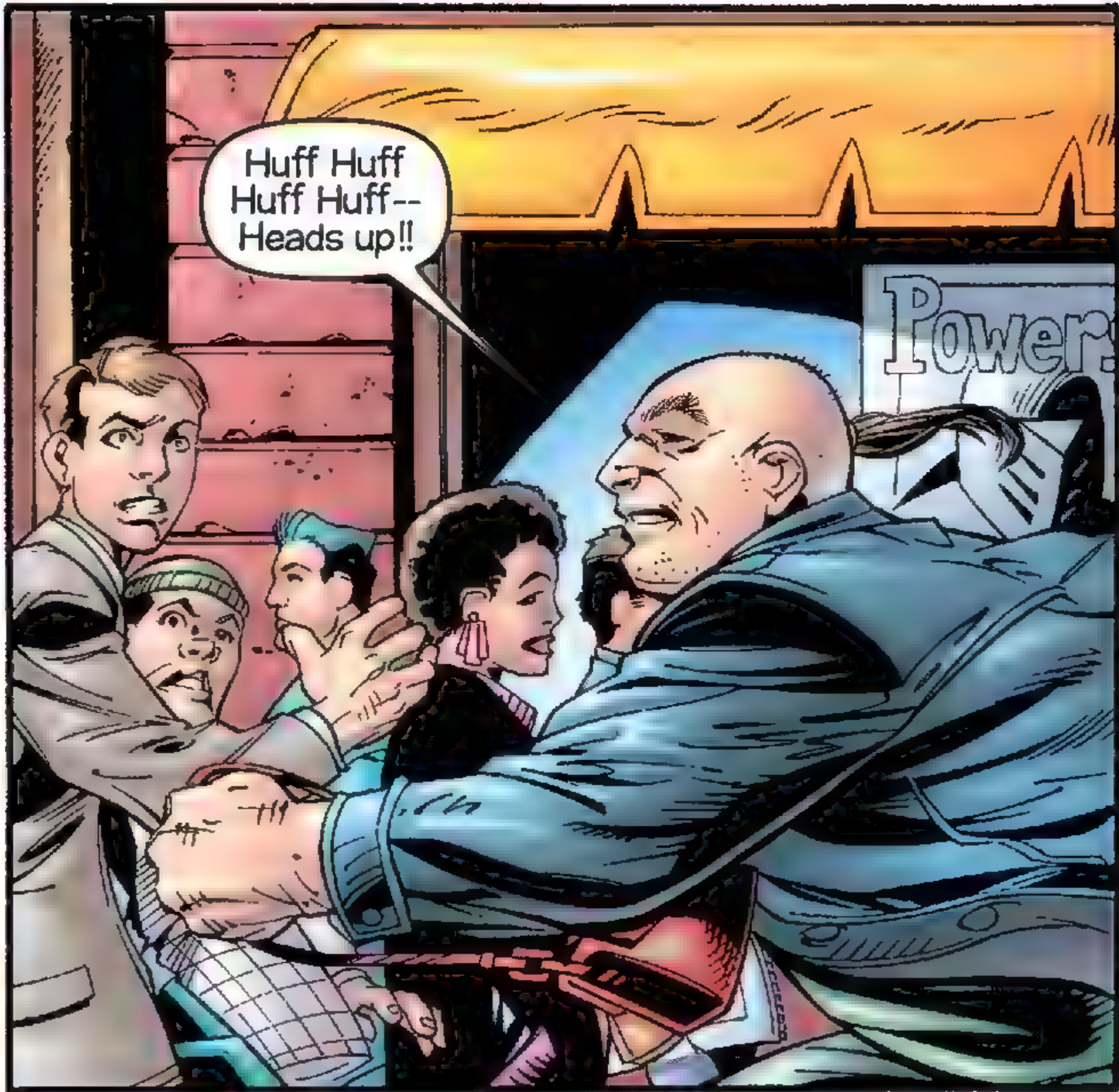




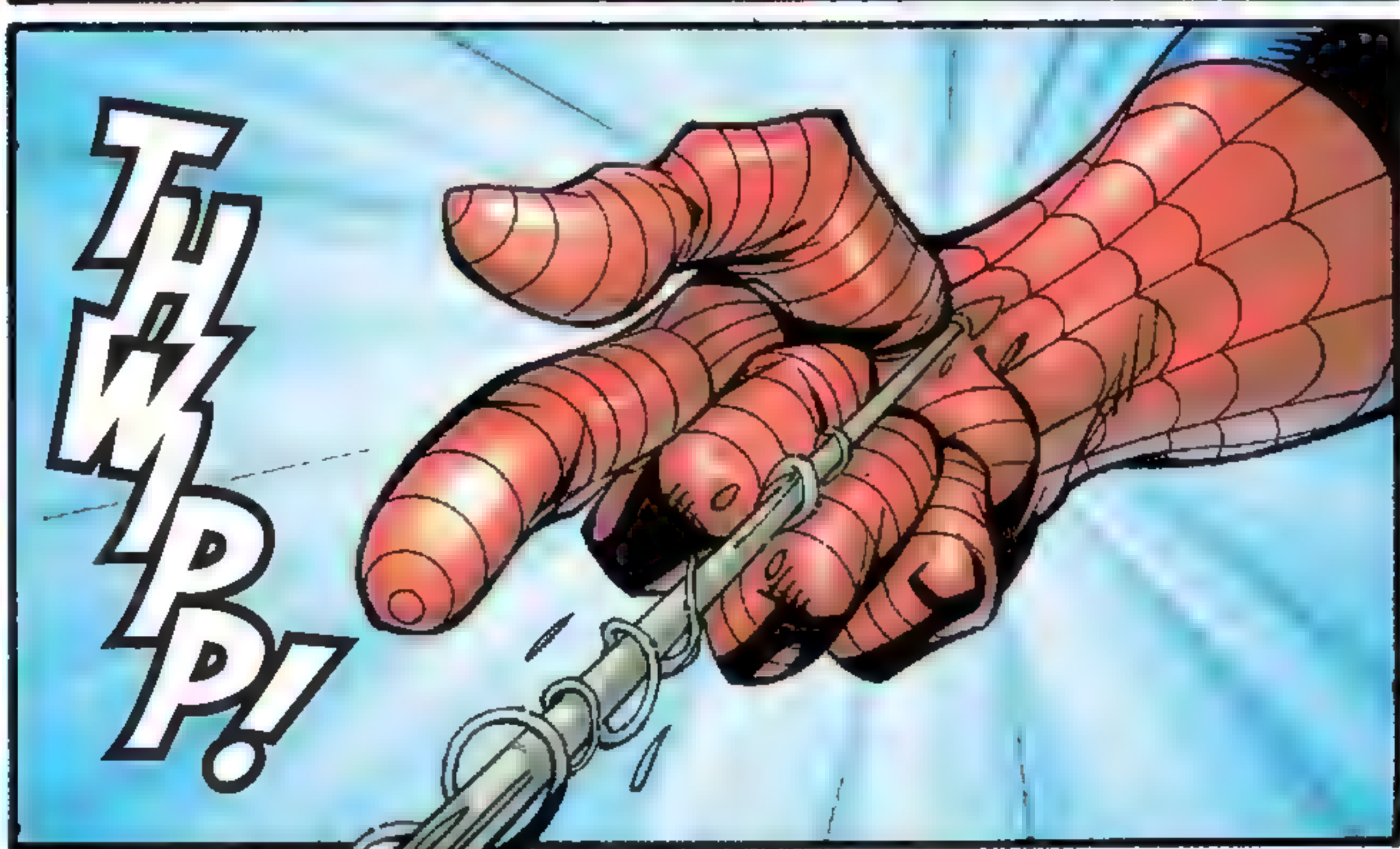
Oh no!!
Oh no!!

He--
somebody!!

My
purse!



Huff Huff
Huff Huff--
Heads up!!



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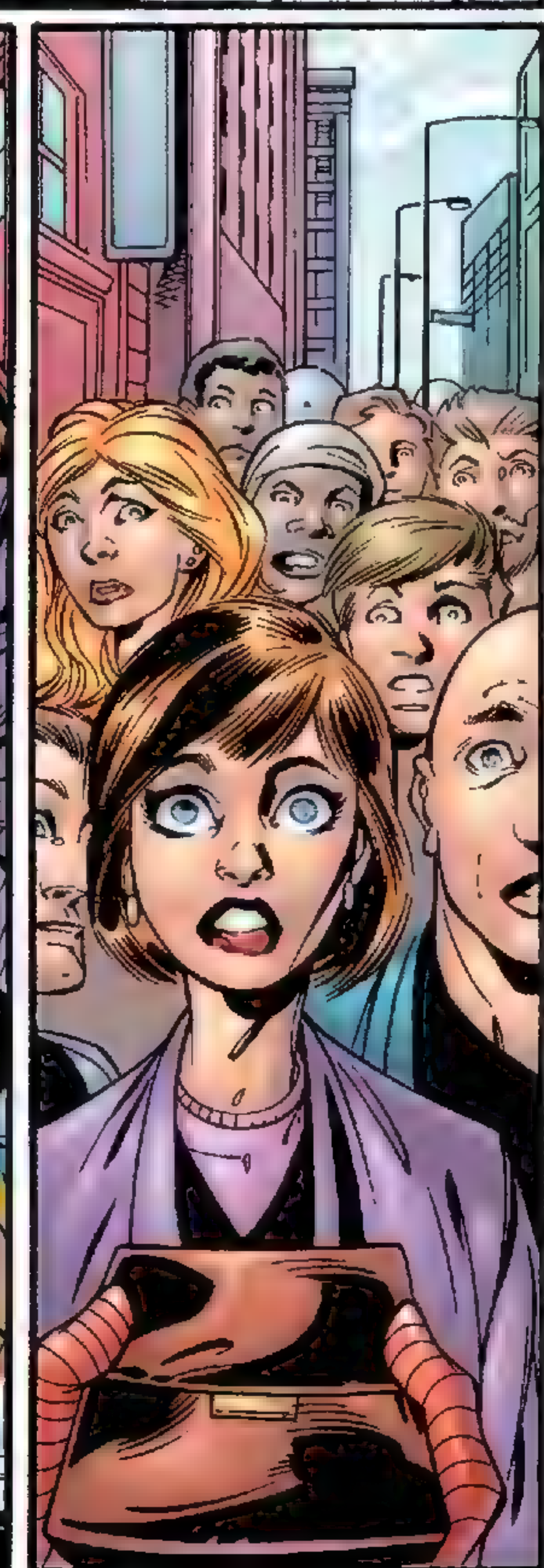
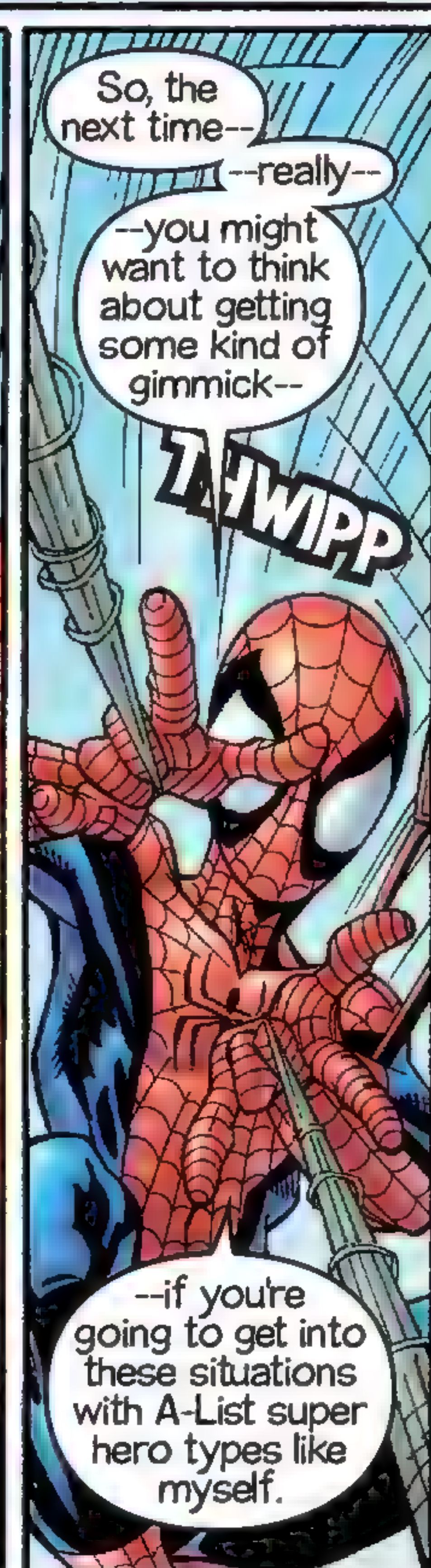
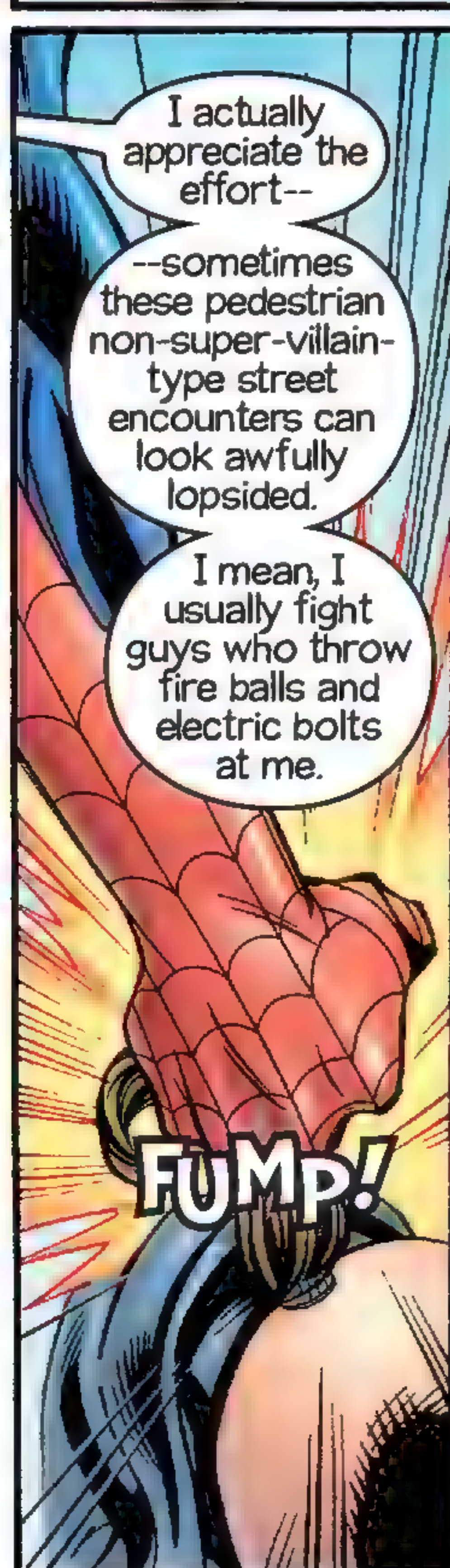
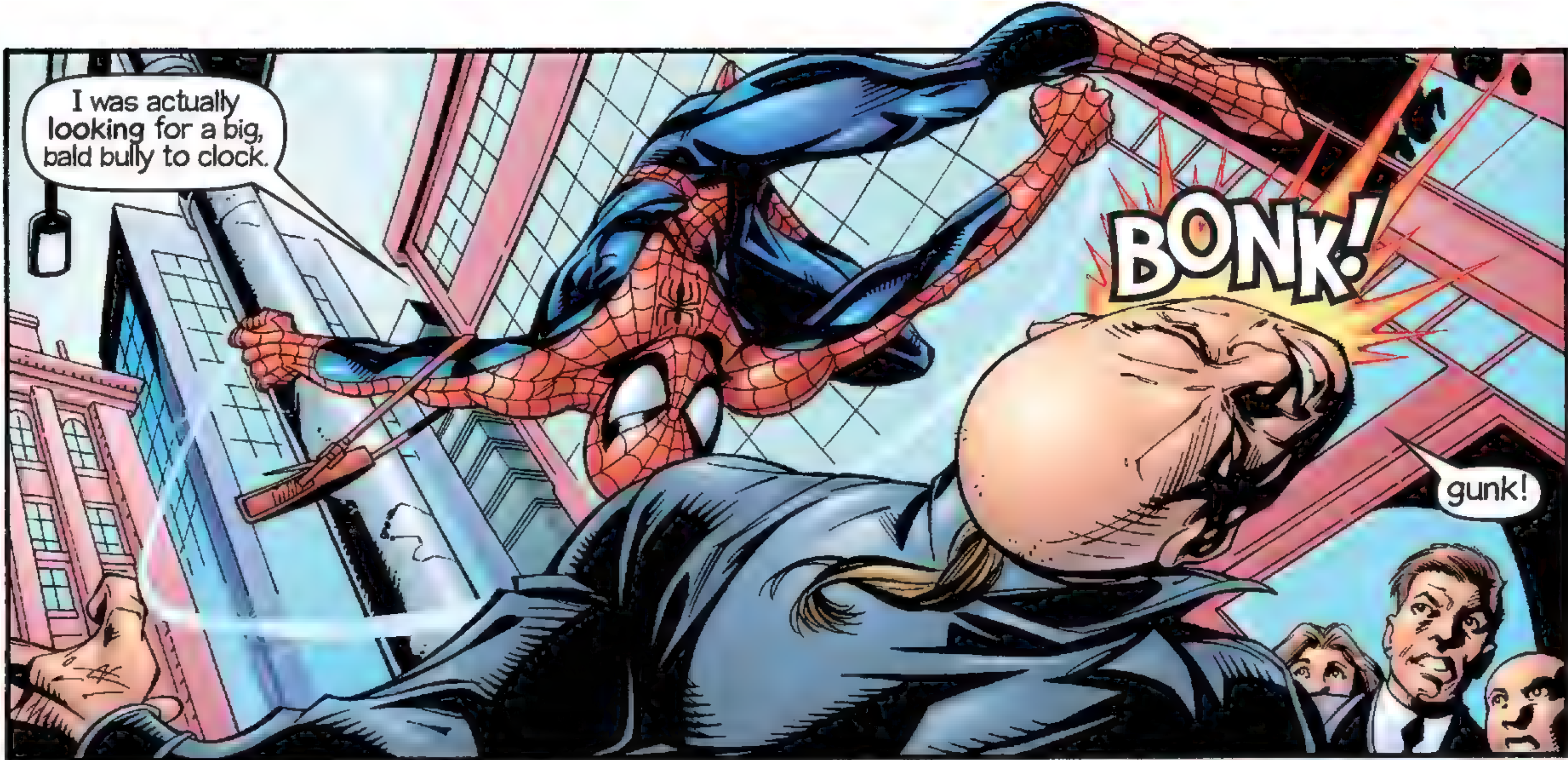


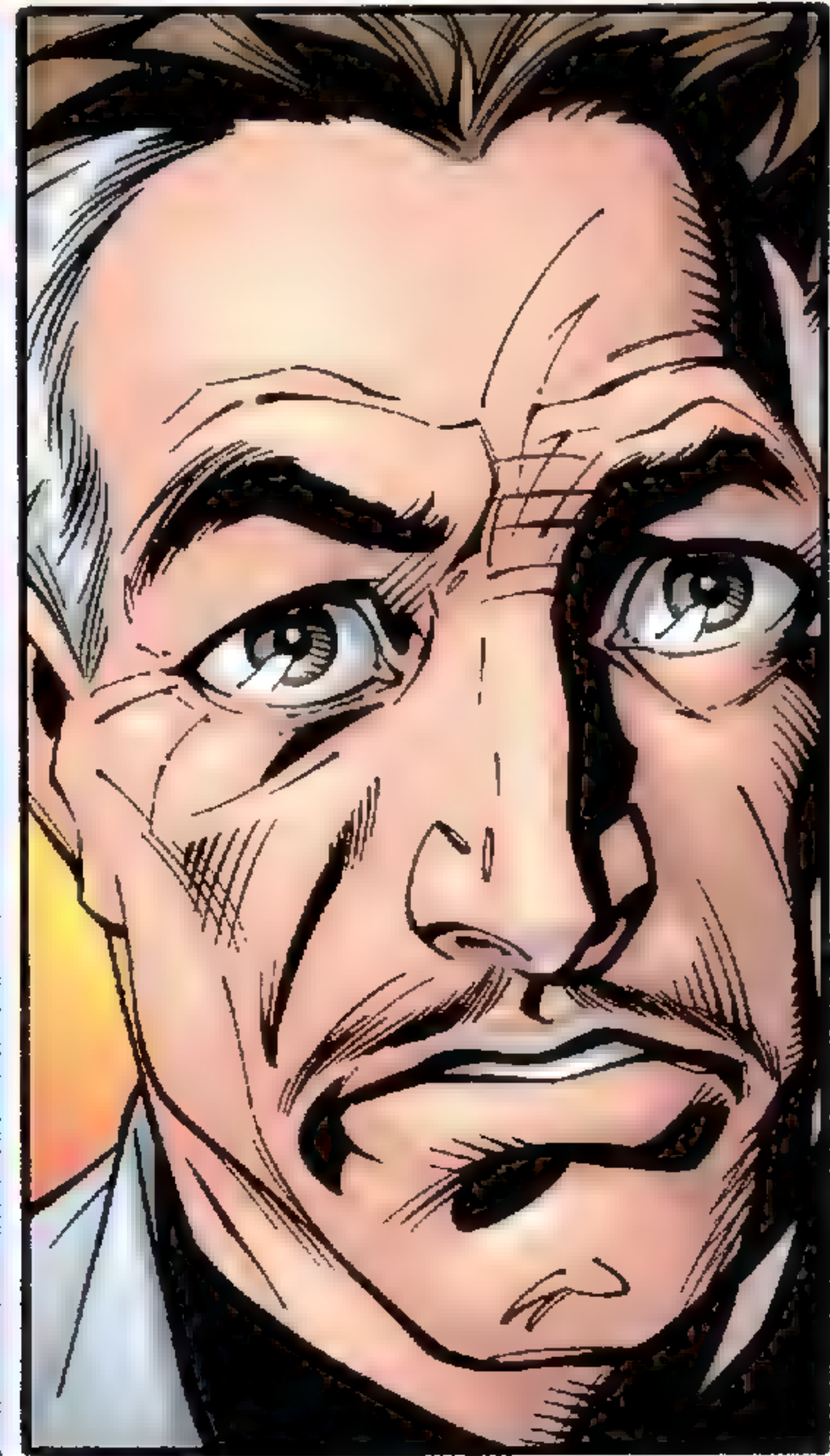
Huff Huff
Huff...Huh?

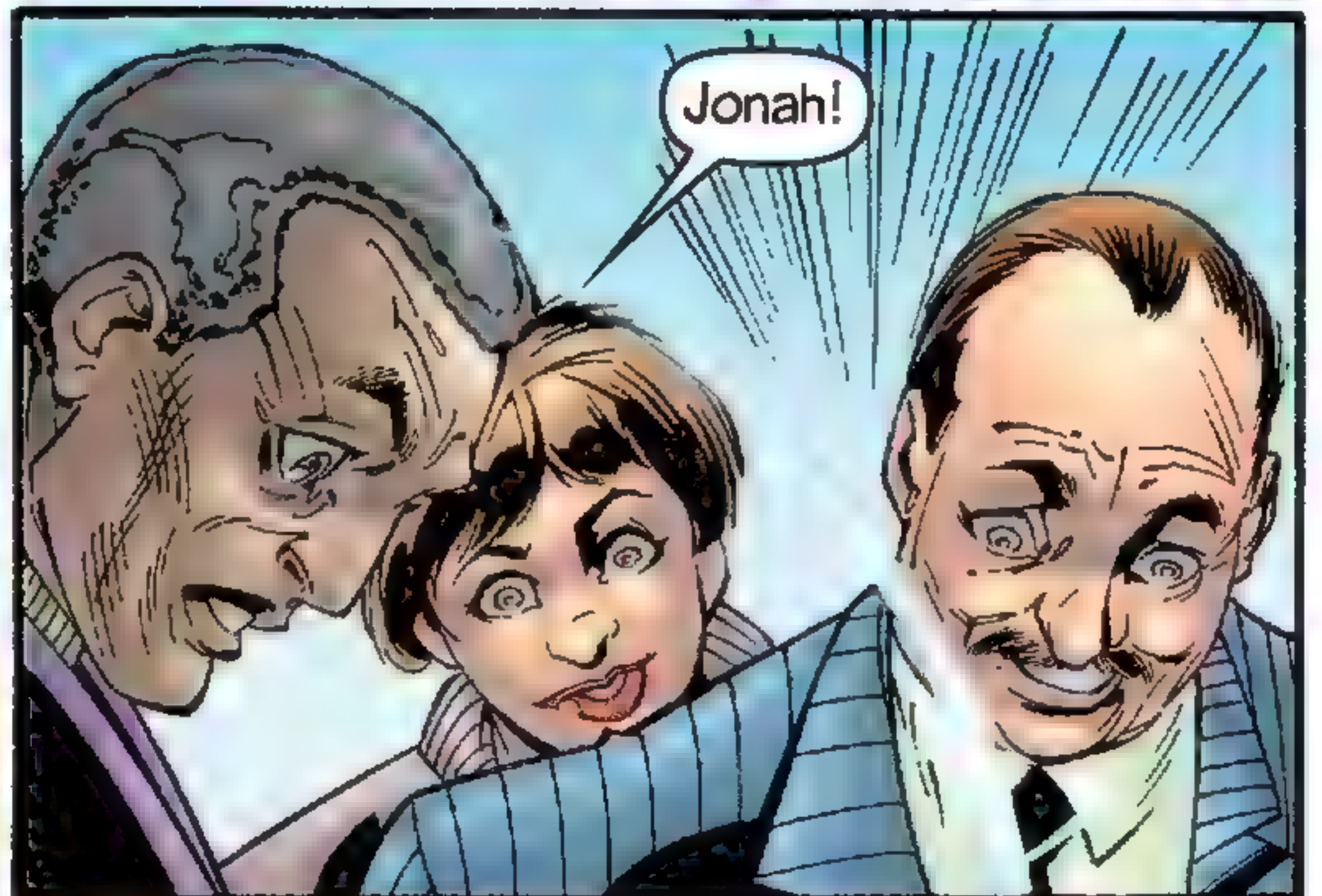


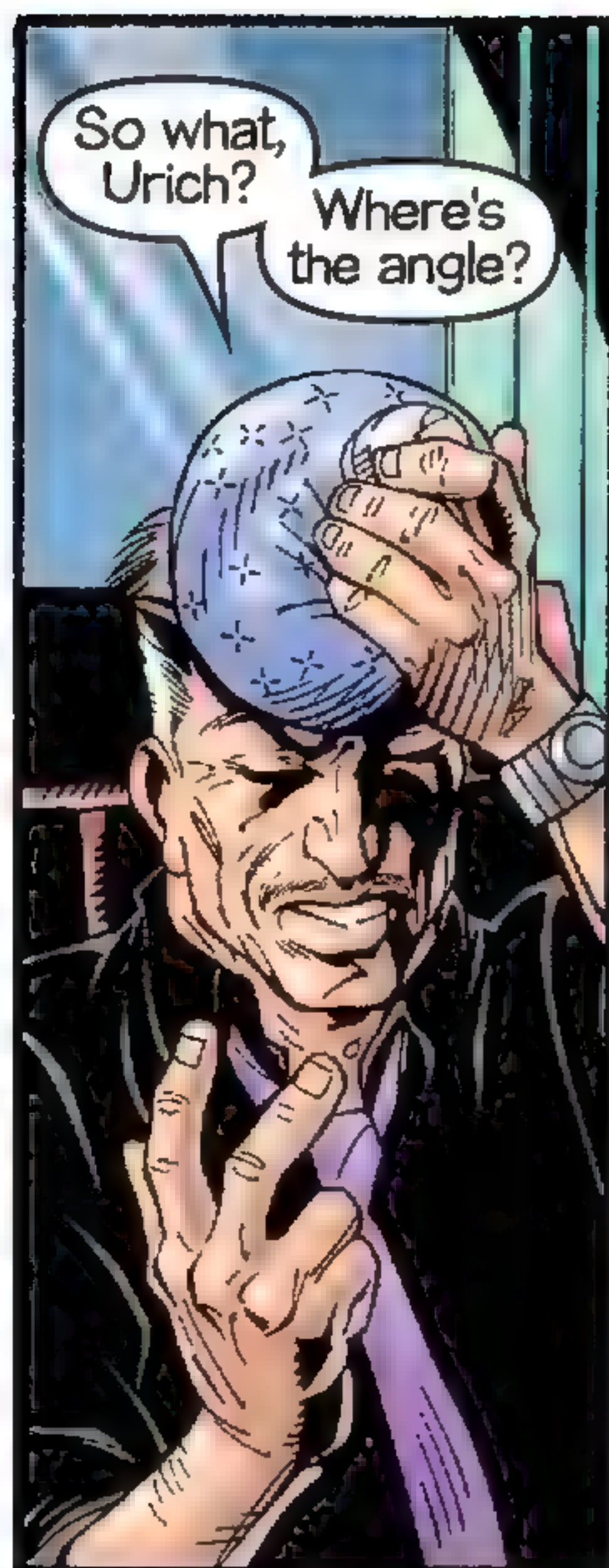
Wh--?

You, my
friend, are
exactly what
the doctor
ordered.

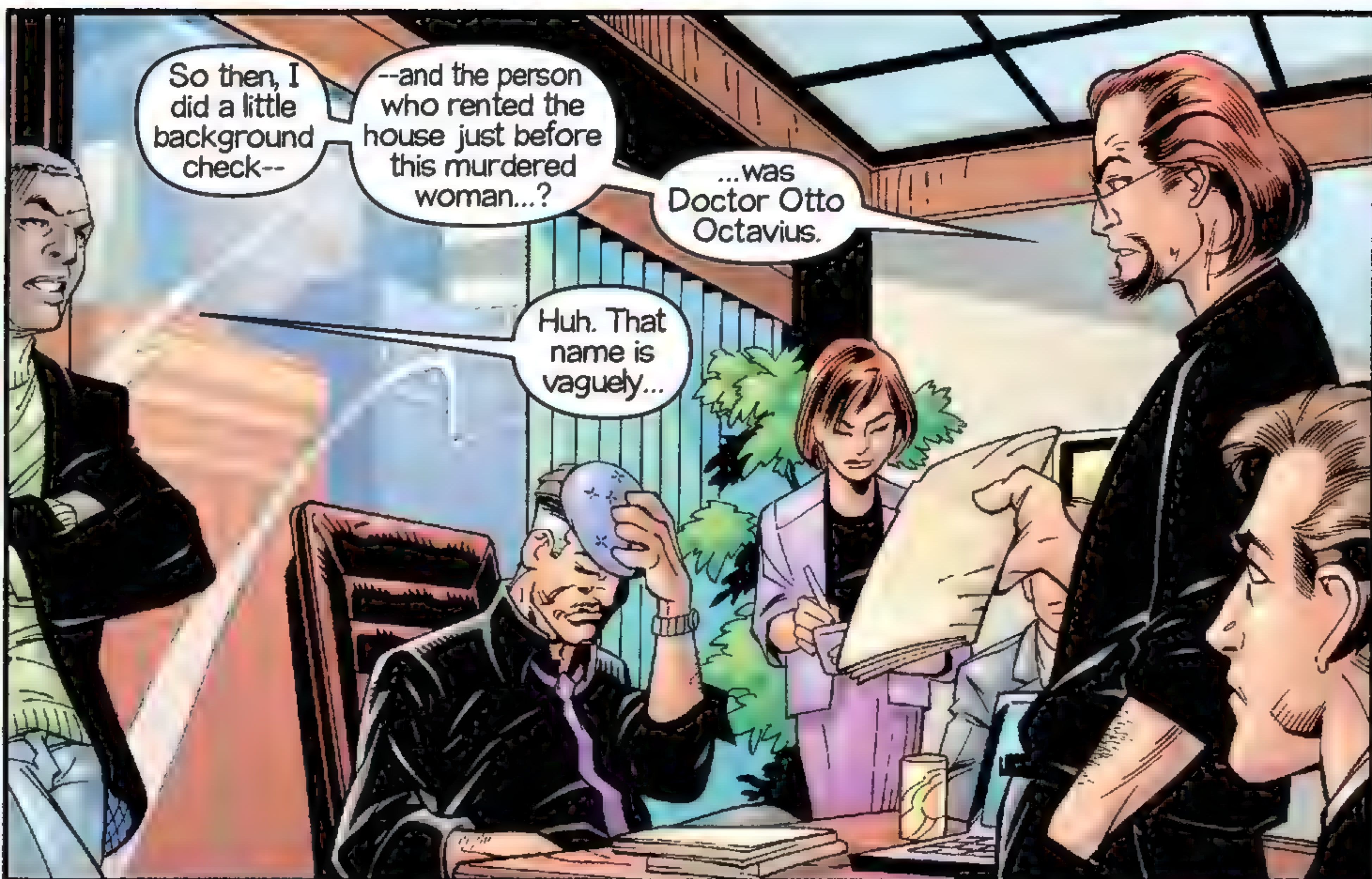








So what, Urich?
Where's the angle?



So then, I did a little background check--

--and the person who rented the house just before this murdered woman...?

...was Doctor Otto Octavius.

Huh. That name is vaguely...



He was one of the Chief Scientists at Osborn's Industries.



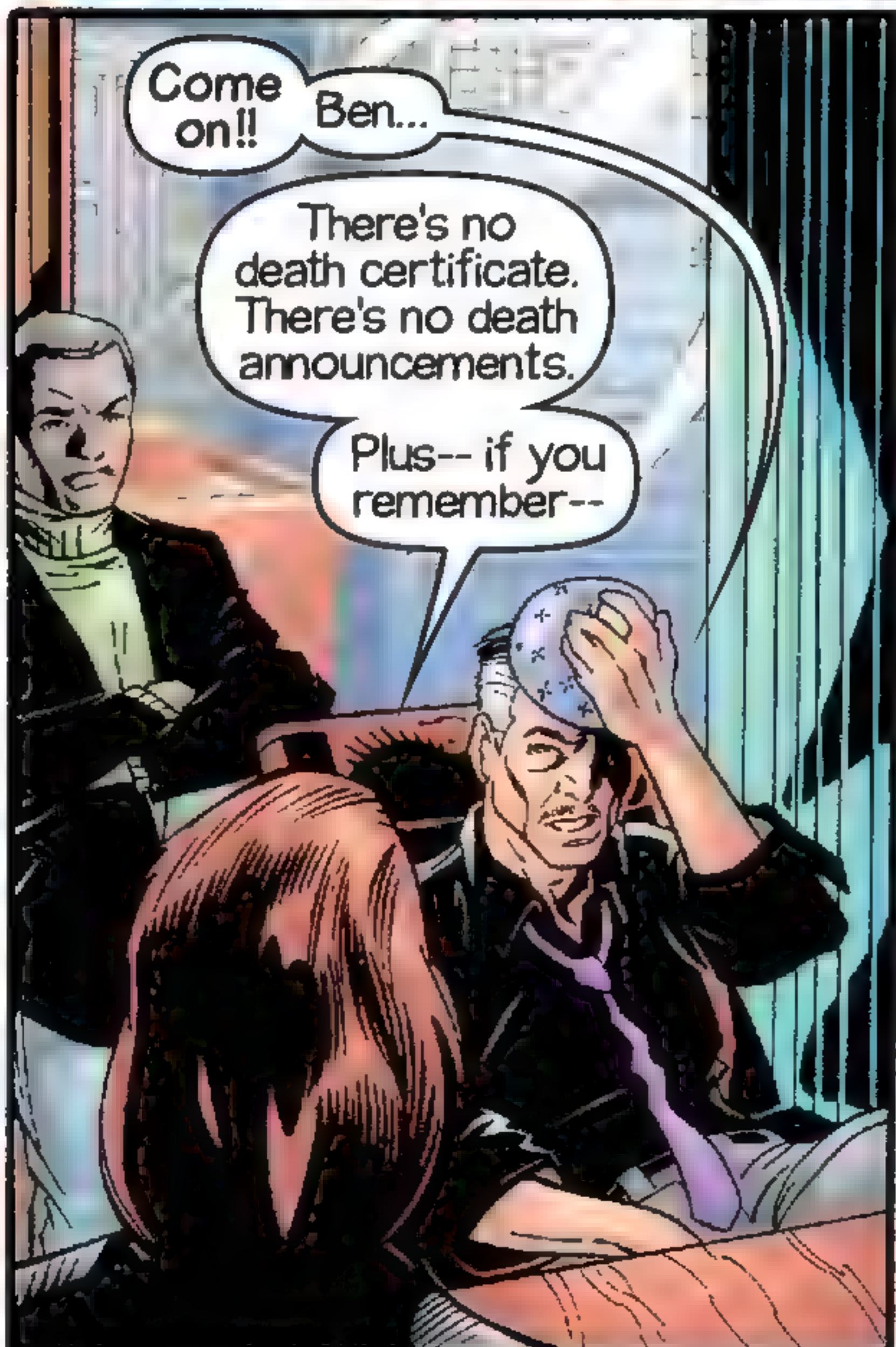
Oh yeah, right. He died in that explosion.



Aah, see.

The thing is--

--he didn't.



Come on!! Ben...

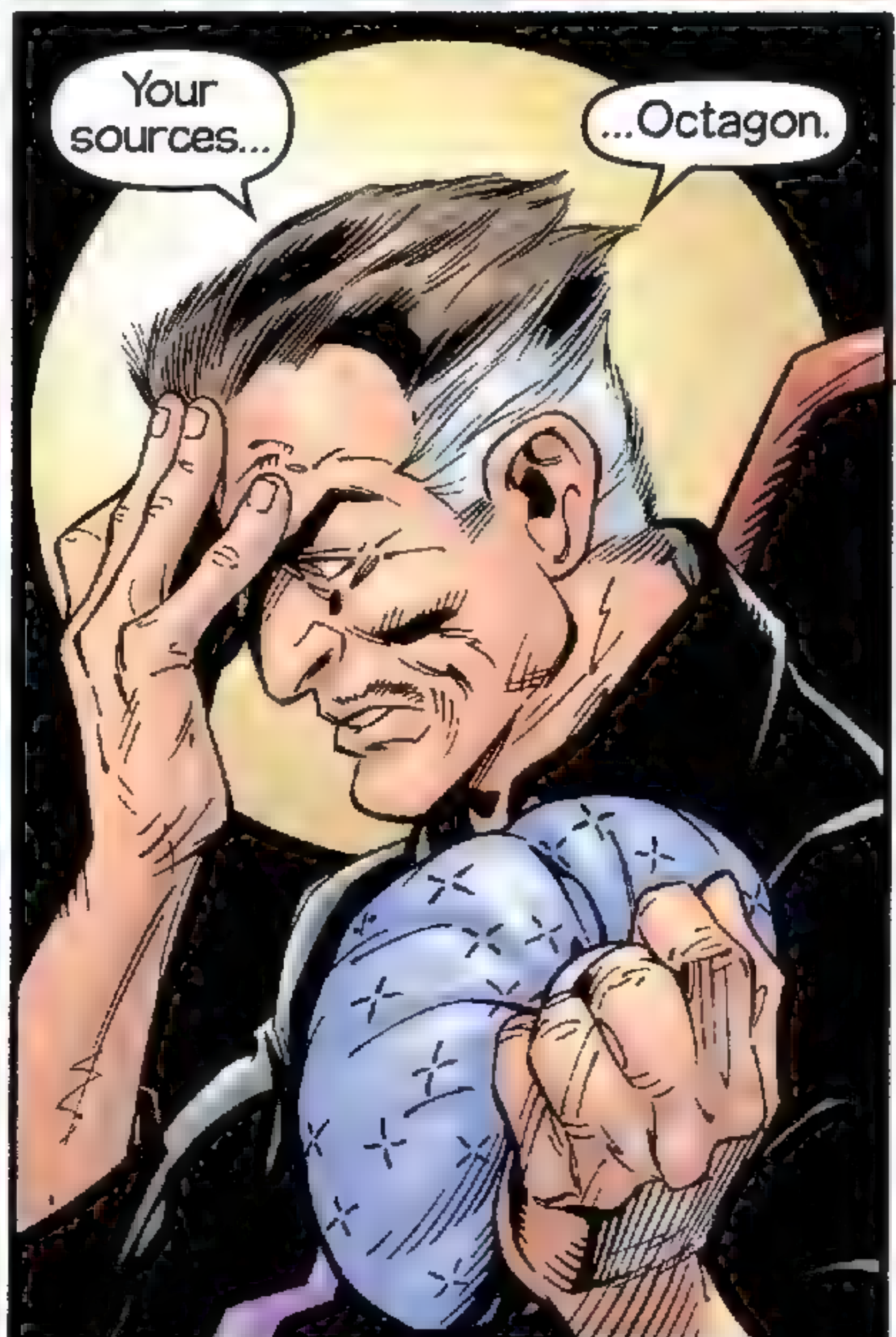
There's no death certificate. There's no death announcements.

Plus-- if you remember--



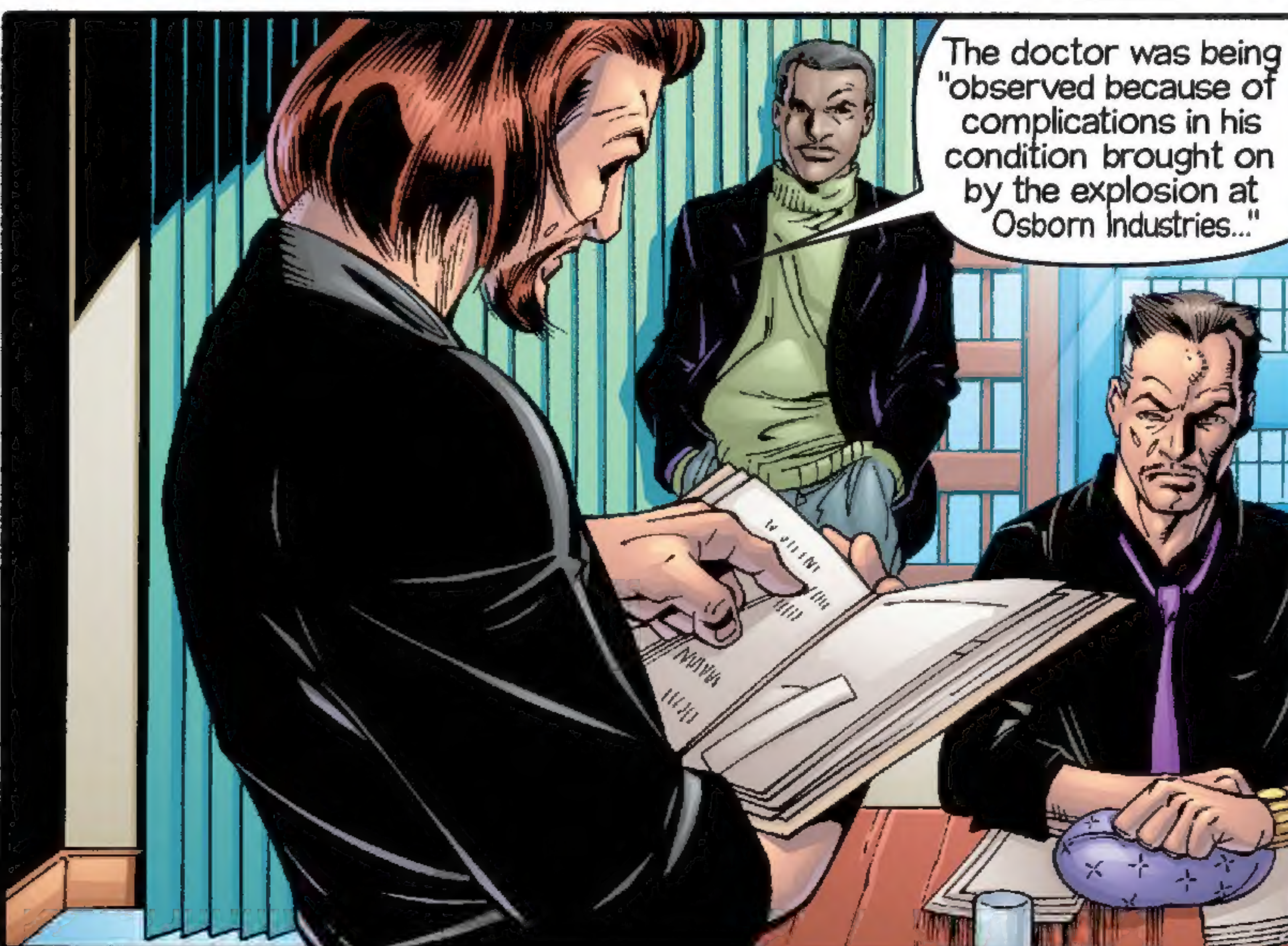
--a few weeks ago I came in here and told you that my sources confirmed that Octavius was taken to a Government Hospital / Medical Facility somewhere in South Jersey.

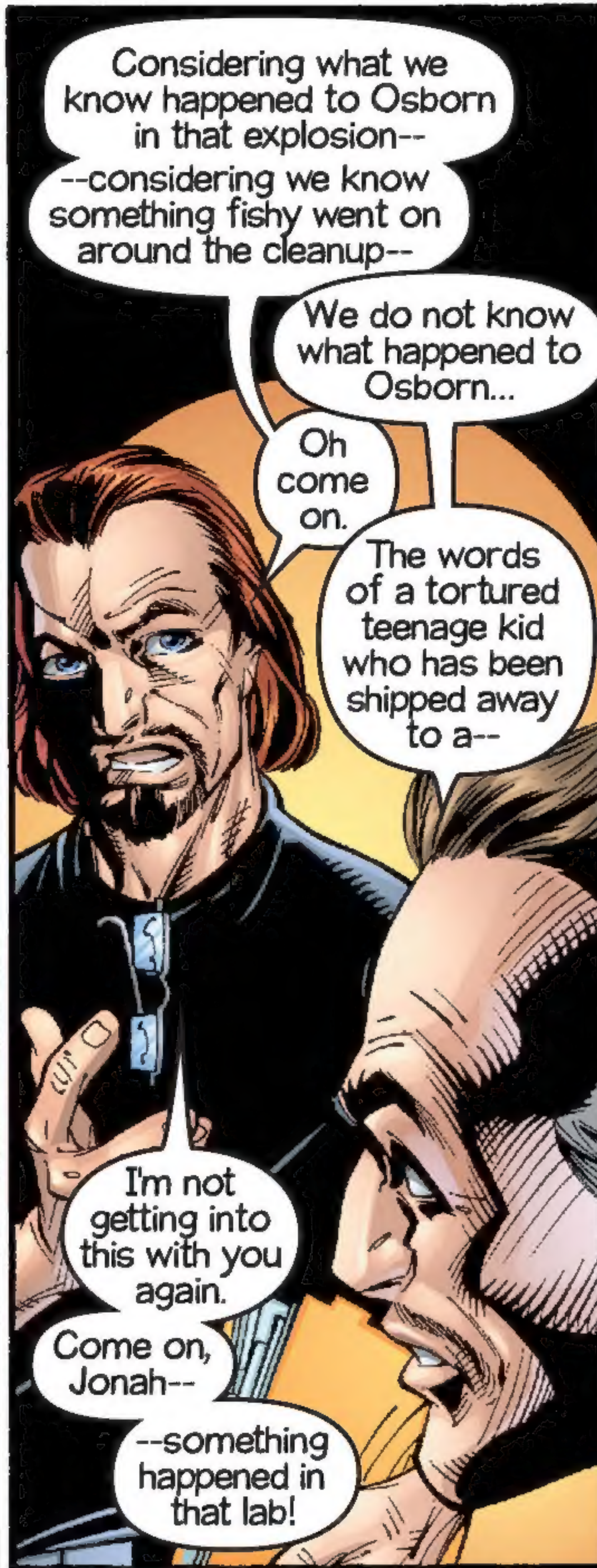
Code name: Octagon.



Your sources...

...Octagon.





Considering what we know happened to Osborn in that explosion--
--considering we know something fishy went on around the cleanup--

We do not know what happened to Osborn...

Oh come on.

The words of a tortured teenage kid who has been shipped away to a--

I'm not getting into this with you again.

Come on, Jonah--

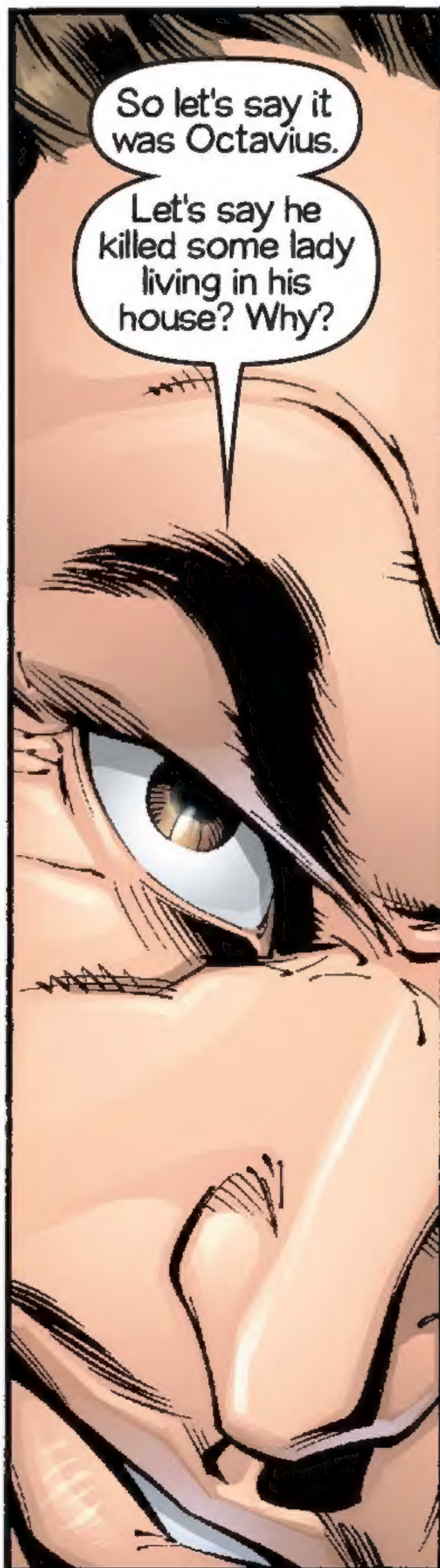
--something happened in that lab!



Who knows what's going on with the good Doctor right now.

But I'm not going to know unless you let me go find out, because I can tell you once the government finds him again...

...we sure aren't going to get an interview from him.



So let's say it was Octavius.

Let's say he killed some lady living in his house? Why?



Who knows, Jonah? We don't know what state he's in.

Maybe he didn't expect to find her there.

Or maybe something horrible has happened to him and he's gone off the deep end.





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